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SUBMARINE DRAMA

H.M.S. Ursula's Invasion Of Hitler's 'Cabbage Patch'

Full Story Of Brilliant Feat

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

ONE OF THE MOST THRILLING STORIES OF THE WAR, THE PENETRATION OF THE GERMAN NAVAL DEFENCE SYSTEM BY H.M.S. URSULA AND THE SINKING OF A GERMAN CRUISER OF THE KOLN CLASS, HAS NOW BEEN TOLD IN FULL DETAIL WITH THE RETURN OF THE SUBMARINE TO HER BRITISH BASE.

Ursula reached her appointed patrol area after negotiating the mine fields known to officers and men of the British submarine service as "Hitler's cabbage patch."

On December 14, Ursula was south of Heligoland and when she dived in this area a number of German patrol vessels was in sight.

She watched through her periscope and eventually a cruiser of the Koln class was sighted at a range of about four miles. The German cruiser was screened by six destroyers, but Ursula at once commenced what was not an easy task owing to the proximity of other German patrol craft.

To get into firing position, Ursula had to move under the screening destroyers. Their propellers were clearly heard overhead.

The Captain of Ursula snatched a quick look at the German cruiser through his periscope and gave the order to fire.

This was the final stage of a perfect attack pressed in to close range and carried out on an enemy cruiser despite its protective screen of six destroyers.

Ursula was shaken by a tremendous explosion.

The first torpedo had found its mark.

A few seconds later there was another great explosion, proving that the second torpedo had also hit.

This second explosion appeared to have another explosion superimposed upon it, as if one of the magazines of the enemy cruiser had exploded.

Both explosions shook the submarine badly and the second one broke most of the electric light bulbs.

At the time the torpedoes were fired, the noise of the propellers of the enemy cruiser could be clearly heard in the submarine. With the first explosion these ceased abruptly and after the second explosion extraordinary noises of rending metal and of a ship breaking up were heard.

Depth Charges

Naturally Ursula expected to be attacked immediately with depth charges from the destroyers, four of which at once turned towards her. The noise of propellers passing close was almost continuous and very soon explosions were heard but Ursula skilfully avoided the attack and after a time came to periscope depth to have a look round.

Two destroyers were standing by the position in which the enemy cruiser had been and these appeared to be searching for survivors.

There was no sign at all of the cruiser which had sunk very rapidly.

Satisfied with her work, Ursula left the area which, from the many explosions heard, was still very unhealthy in spite of the fact that the submarine had eluded the initial counter-attack of the German destroyers.

Skilful Attack

The skilful and successful attack of Ursula close to the entrance of one of the German fleet's main harbours shows that the personnel of British submarines at the present time are worthy successors to the officers and men who so successfully penetrated enemy waters during the last war.

Ursula is a small submarine, having a surface displacement of 540 tons and a complement of 27 officers and men.

She was completed in December last year at a cost of slightly over £200,000.

The German cruisers of the Koln class—there are three of them—are vessels of 6,000 tons displacement mounting nine 5.9-inch guns and having a complement of 571 officers and men. They were completed in 1929 and have a full speed of just over 32 knots.—British Wireless.

WAR CHIEFS AND XMAS

London, Yesterday.

Sending Christmas greetings from the French Army to the soldiers of the British Empire, General Gamelin, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, says: "The festival of Christmas stands for the future, and our effort in this war is creating the future.

"That future will be what we all mean it to be; for the courage of our men is unconquerable."

Messages from the Services chief to the men and women of the British Empire include:

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General Viscount Gort (Commander - in - Chief of the British Army):—

"Once more within the memory of many of us a British Expeditionary Force is spending Christmas in France, and once again under the leadership of a great soldier of France the Allied armies stand united to resist aggression.

"In the year that lies ahead difficulties and dangers will undoubtedly arise, as they have done in wars past, but they will be surmounted owing to the close understanding which to-day exists between the French nation and ourselves, and the knowledge that your thoughts are with us at all times, whether the weather be fair or foul."

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Admiral Sir Charles Forbes (Commander - in - Chief of the Royal Navy):—

"There is no easy road to victory but, confident in the assurance of your support, I ask you to believe that we who go down to the sea in ships shall not fail in our task during the year that lies ahead."

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Air Marshal Sir Cyril Newall (R.A.F. chief):—

"The times are changed this year but not the spirit of Christmas."—Reuter.

This happy-looking sailor, home on leave, buys his Christmas tree. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

SHADOW OF THE SWASTIKA

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

London, Yesterday.

It is reliably learned that the Cabinet yesterday discussed the question of material aid to Finland and the general problem of the Soviet and German menace to Scandinavia, but the conclusions reached remain a secret.

Opinion prevails in diplomatic quarters that the Finns will be unable to resist indefinitely against the overwhelming Soviet forces.

The Scandinavian countries are reluctant to extend important aid to Helsinki since they fear they will become weakened when the German or Russian threat against them gains momentum.

It is understood that eventual aid to the Scandinavian countries in the case of aggression has been the main subject of British and French Cabinet discussions recently.—Havas.

Considerable Aid

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" SAYS THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THE ALLIES, HAVE AGREED THAT THEIR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO FINLAND SHOULD BE ON A CONSIDERABLE SCALE.

It is not felt that they will thus hamper their own efforts to impose their will on Germany.

It is already clear that it will not be necessary to send Finland the most up-to-date types of guns, planes and other equipment.—Reuter.

SOVIET CASUALTIES IN FINLAND

Moscow, Yesterday.

According to foreign reports the Red Army casualties in Finland are estimated at 25,000 dead and 35,000 wounded, ill, taken prisoner or deserted. — Reuter.

TURKISH RAID ON NAZI CLUB

Istanbul, Yesterday.

The Turkish police made a lightning raid on an exclusive Nazi club here to-day and seized the club's books and documents.

No arrests were made. — Reuter.

"ASSURANCE OF VICTORY"

BRITAIN'S LARGE SECRET RESERVE OF AIRCRAFT

London, Yesterday.

IN ADDITION TO THE published strength of the R.A.F., Britain has a "very large" secret reserve of war planes, states a pamphlet issued by the Ministry of Information entitled "Assurance of Victory."

After a close analysis of every aspect of the struggle, the pamphlet concludes that the Allies are in a superior position to Germany.

The pamphlet does not give precise figures of aircraft strength and production, but says the fact that we now have at home four times as many first-line planes as in 1934-35 (apart from a growing force of hundreds overseas) does nothing like justice to the remarkable advance made.

The pamphlet says the Nazis have been shut off from resources without which they cannot possibly win a long war.

To keep their air force going in a "total" war, the Nazis would need to build over 3,000 planes a month and recruit pilots on the same scale.

FIRST EFFORT

When their first knock-out effort is spent, many things will tell against them — heavy losses in bombers, lack of new pilots, industrial reserves and oil.

The whole Rumanian and German oil production together will not supply half the Nazis' wartime needs.

Dealing with sea power, the pamphlet declares there is every reason to believe we will soon round up German raiders.

Even if the enemy throughout four years achieved success in sinkings at the same rate as in the first seven weeks of war, we should still be left with 70 per cent. of our original tonnage, not counting tonnage built in the meantime.

FATAL WEAKNESSES

After contrasting the positions of Germany and the Allies unfavourably to the former, the pamphlet concludes: "The war will expose the fatal weaknesses of the Nazi structure, and every acute crisis will bring the regime nearer to disaster.

"The immense staying power of Democracy is the final guarantee of an Allied triumph."—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK BY MINE

Oslo, Yesterday.

The steamer Rudolf, from Oslo, was mined in the North Sea yesterday.

The captain and seven of the crew reached Kopervik in a lifeboat, but another lifeboat, with six men, the remainder of the crew, is missing.—Reuter.

BLACK CAT FOR LUCK

London, Yesterday.

Able-Seaman James Alexander Speers, 20, of West Hartlepool, never went to sea without taking his black cat with him.

A month ago he was reported missing from the Rawalpindi after the battle with German warships, but his mother, Mrs. Lily Speers, never lost hope that he had been rescued, especially as he had the black cat with him.

Yesterday she received a communication from her son saying he was "safe and well in Germany."—Reuter.

BRITISH AIR LINER DISASTER

London, Yesterday.

Six survivors of a British plane which disappeared while on the way to Malta have been picked up by a ship, and are due in Malta this morning.

The five others on board the plane are still missing.

This development comes after 48 hours of silence, during which much anxiety was felt for the five crew and six passengers.

Italian planes co-operated with a British warship in searching for the machine, and Italian officials allowed a British plane to join in the search along the Libyan coast.

It is not yet known how many of the survivors are crew or passengers.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS JOIN IN SEARCH

Alexandria, Yesterday.

It was following an intensive search, in which British warships and other vessels participated, that the six survivors of the missing airliner "Egypt" were picked up.

The Egypt left Sollum yesterday en route to England and failed to arrive at Malta.—Reuter.

HIMMLER HOME

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

ROME, YESTERDAY.

HEINRICH HIMMLER, CHIEF OF THE NAZI SECRET POLICE, TODAY, RETURNED TO BERLIN UPON THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TWO-DAY VISIT, DURING WHICH HE CONFERRED WITH MUSSOLINI AND OTHER FASCIST LEADERS.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT THE OBJECT OF THE VISIT WAS TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN HITLER AND MUSSOLINI. — HAVAS.

IN GERMANY

AN ERSATZ XMAS

London, Yesterday.

Rationing and the queer artificial substitutes for various kinds of foods are making Christmas a depressing business in Germany this year.

The rationing restrictions have been slightly lifted, but housewives will find it difficult to find enough food for three days festivities.

There is plenty home-grown fruit, but oranges and bannnas are scarce.

As a special treat, Germans are allowed to use ration tickets to buy artificial honey.

SIEGFRIED THOUGHT

Most popular Christmas tree decoration are models of the Siegfried Line.

As for presents, it is hard to find anything not on the rationing list.

Each man, however, is allowed to buy one new tie, and each woman a pair of stockings.—Reuter.

MORE R.A.F. LOSSES

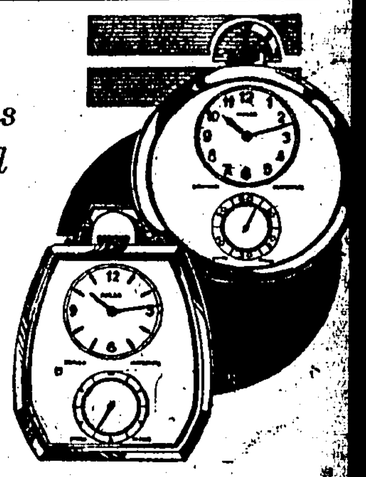
London, Yesterday.

A further list of R.A.F. casualties, the second in two days, was issued by the Air Ministry this morning.

To-day's list gives the names of 31 dead and 17 missing.

A list issued yesterday gave 40 killed in action or missing, seven died on active service and one wounded. — Reuter.

Timely Gift Suggestions for X'mas and New Year



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A LONDONER'S DIARY

KINDLIER CENSOR?

Mr. Herbert Farjeon is immersed in the third edition of his Little Revue. He tells me that all his new numbers have passed the

MISS VIVIEN JOHN
not like father

Censor with flying colours. Hitherto his scripts have always suffered some casualties while at St. James's Palace.

The author has had some difficulty with one member of the cast —Miss Joyce Grenfell. Her stage career, which began with the first edition of the Little Revue, may be called an accident.

She came home one day from a village fete, and gave an impersonation of the protagonists. This proved so successful that she had to repeat it to friends.

In the end she was persuaded to put her talents to professional use. She did so with a success that made her a star overnight.

Miss Grenfell, however, is so affected by the glamour of stardom that only Mr. Farjeon's insistence has caused her to take a further engagement.

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NO REFLECTION ON THE LADIES

A point arising out of the secret session caused considerable amusement in the Commons the other day.

Sir William Davison said he understood that the Ladies' Gallery was not subject to the rule that strangers must leave before a secret session began, and asked for the Speaker's ruling.

This gave Mr. McGovern the opportunity of observing that the old ladies would be on the floor of the House. Miss Rathbone, who does not jest lightly, considered it would be an insult to women if any differentiation was made between the Ladies' and other Galleries. Thereupon the Speaker informed her of the fact that although the Ladies' Gallery was technically outside the House it was not open during the secret sessions in the last war.

Sir William Davison's denial that he had intended to insult the ladies and his gracious exoneration from all discourtesy by Miss Rathbone ended the incident.

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WAR OFFICE STORY

A paper marked secret and confidential is said to have been recently circulated at the War Office. It ran as follows:

"Officers working at the War Office are reminded that they have been made temporary members of the Royal Automobile Club."

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MAJOR L. G. III

Major Gwilym Lloyd George has followed his sister into illness.

She has just recovered after four months. He is suffering from gastric ulceration and the treatment involves several weeks in bed.

Major Lloyd George is parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

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FATHER AS CRITIC

Mr. Augustus John, heavily muffled in scarf, jersey and overcoat, brooded like an ominous prophet over a small exhibition of pictures in St. James's. The pictures were by his daughter, Miss Vivien John, and by a friend, Miss Susan Palmer.

Mr. John, a stern critic of his family in matters of art, looked only at the pictures by Miss Palmer.

I asked him his opinion of his daughter's work. "Rubbish!" he said gruffly. But there was a twinkle in his eye.

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BLACK PREFERRED

Mr. John had just come up from his house in Hampshire, where he is housing evacuees. "Wanted black ones," he said. "Like them better than whites. But don't know where to get them."

He bought a picture by Miss Susan Palmer, and strode out of the gallery.

Miss John has derived considerable help from her father's stern, but discriminating criticism. Her Johns are not like her father's. They are landscapes with a style all their own.

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BREAKAWAY

While Sir Edwin Lutyens, as president of the Royal Academy, stands for all that is most orthodox in art, his daughter, Miss Elisabeth Lutyens, is following paths which the R.A. would regard as highly revolutionary.

She has written a surrealist ballet, which is to be performed by "Les Trois Arts" at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith. Its subject is King Midas, and its treatment, I gather, is psychological.

Miss Lutyens, in private life Mrs. Glennie, has written several string quartets, and visited Poland this spring to hear one of them played.

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He was so entranced that he bought six of them on the spot.

British Wartime fashion designers are uniting to tour the provinces showing West End styles. A group of well-known designers have decided to stage a combined display of "Clothes, Cosmetics, Hats and Furs for 1940" in Bristol. It will be the first united Mayfair fashion display to be seen in the provinces. Photo shows a cycling costume showing the divided brown tweed skirt, checked front, knitted back and knitted sleeves and brown knitted hat. (Copyright, Fox).

Watch Your Waistline

THE swan like woman of the gay 'Nineties—with her slim waist and her round hips—has staged her undulating come-back.

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Diet's debatable. You may have to control starches for slimness—but you'll cut a poor figure if you're undernourished.

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Eight Days With A Shiny Nose

WITH eight horrible days behind me, during which my nose has positively glittered, I give my report on German Beauty Kultur—those substitutes for powder, lipstick, rouge, etc., which are recommended to Nazi women.

You remember the Kultur beauty list: Rain-water instead of lipstick and rouge; boiled ivy leaves and potato skins instead of cleansing cream; horse chestnuts instead of powder and soap; and boiled pine needles instead of bath soap.

Well, this is how I found them:—

RAIN-WATER. — My bowl for catching it caught a lot of other things as well. Four-legged monsters and vegetable matter floated on a crest of smuts.

But it would be different in the country, of course.

Persistent use brought no ruddy glow to my cheeks. No bright freshness appeared in the colour of my lips.

I'm glad to get back to my lipstick.

IVY LEAVES (from Buckingham Palace walls) boiled with potato skins (from the kitchen) made a most unpleasant smell, and I had to throw away the saucepan after preparing my lotion. It was a slimy, green-grey liquid.

When applied to the face it left a nasty, grey scum behind.

HORSE CHESTNUTS are not easy to get at this time of the year, but through a friend I found a small boy with a hoard collected in the autumn. He grudgingly spared a few.

I tried them as lotion, and ground up. They just didn't work. And rubbing ground horse chestnuts on your face hurts.

PINE NEEDLES.—I cheated, and got nice clean ones from a chemist for 6d.

Boiled, they smelt lovely and the result was a fresh, soft, piney water. But in place of soap—useless.

It just ran off the surface of a day's London grime, and I reached thankfully for my bath tablet.

It has been painful, going about for eight days with a complexion not merely unaided, but subjected to all these trials.

Somehow I think German women may at times be grateful for the black-out.

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The Anger Stalin Has Inflamed Is Dangerous

The Blackest Deed Of The Present War

By H.N. BRAILSFORD

BY his unprovoked attack on Finland, Stalin has compelled us to pass the verdict we had hitherto refused to register. His Russia is a totalitarian State like another, as brutal towards the rights of others, as careless of its plighted word.

If this man ever understood the international creed of Socialism he long ago forgot it. In this land also absolute power has wrought its customary effects of corruption.

Need I justify this verdict? Stalin's aggression began many weeks ago, when he addressed his demands to Finland.

He claimed what no nation on earth would grant, save under pressure of overwhelming force. He called on the Finns to surrender two vital seaports, several islands, and the Karelian isthmus. They had the spirit to refuse.

It is difficult to follow the rest of the story without nausea. Is it possible that any sane mind, even amid the doped and disciplined multitudes of Moscow, can have believed that this little people of less than four millions, most of them women and children, were really trying to provoke their colossal neighbour?

Puerile Tales

The worst evil of dictatorship is that it destroys the mental fibre of any nation that submits to it. The stories that the Kremlin circulated about the Finns were as incredible and as puerile as the tales that Stalin produced to justify the purge of his internal enemies.

Our sympathy goes on to the Finns, but they at least are entitled to respect. Our pity goes to the Russians, who must endure a despotism that imposes on them this intellectual degradation. To this level the human mind is doomed to fall, when no man dare question or contradict his rulers.

The ugliest consequence of this masterpiece in totalitarian technique is that Stalin has now ranked himself with Hitler as an autocrat whom no treaty can bind. When he bombed to fragments his own non-aggression pact with Finland he shattered Russia's status in the family of nations.

One does not pay Stalin the compliment of criticising his morals. But on the plane of his inhuman realism, why did he do this thing?

Vanity and megalomania may in part explain it. Under Stalin the orthodox Marxist history books have been revised, and Peter the Great has been reinstated as the national hero.

At Poltava, recently, his crowning victory over Charles XII. of Sweden was celebrated with immense pomp. In three months, Stalin has recovered round the Baltic coasts what Peter originally won only after a long struggle and many defeats.

Red Thread Of Fear

But the real explanation goes back to the period of intervention that still haunts the memory of every Russian Communist. They believe that history will repeat itself. Once more, so they argue, the capitalist world will combine to destroy the Soviet Republic.

This red thread of fears runs through the whole web of Russia's foreign policy. It has become an obsession, and more than once it has created and perpetuated the very dangers it sought to combat.

The history of Soviet diplomacy falls into three phases. In the first, the two untouchable pariahs, Russia and Germany, came together and made, at Rapallo, in 1922, their entente cordiale against the victors of Versailles.

They helped each other in the military and economic fields, until Hitler came to power. Then began the second phase. Moscow tried now to win the West. She entered the League of Nations, contracted an alliance with France, and promoted the idea of the People's Front.

These tactics failed. The League collapsed; the Front broke in France and was defeated in Spain; at Munich it suffered the final dishonour.

For a time Stalin hesitated and inclined towards isolation. He dismissed Litvinov, negotiated simultaneously with London and Berlin, and finally signed his pact with Ribbentrop.

By so doing, he precipitated this war, reckoning, as one supposes, that if the capitalist belligerents exhausted themselves by mutual strife, he would be safe for some years and could consolidate his strategical position.

Why Negotiations Broke Down

Much is now clear in retrospect about the Moscow talks that was obscure in August. The negotiations broke down on two points:

(1) Stalin asked for a free hand to deal with "indirect aggression" in the Baltic States. He evidently had in mind what he has since done. He meant to bring them under his military control and protect himself by seizing their ports and islands as military bases.

(2) He stipulated that if Russian armies marched into Poland to support her against Germany, they should control the civil government of their bases of operation in White Russia and the Ukraine. It was a thin disguise for a claim to take this territory as a reward for protecting Poland.

The Western Powers were too scrupulous or too confident to pay Stalin's price. What they would not grant he got from the Germans, who are not embarrassed by scruples.

The paradox of this achievement is that Stalin has got with the assent of the Germans, strategical positions that are of value to him, chiefly because they will serve to fend off a possible German invasion.

Stalin no more feared aggression from Finland and the Baltic States than Æsop's wolf feared the provocations of the lamb. What he did fear was that if ever Hitler's armies should march eastwards in search of "Lebensraum" to colonise, they would follow one or both of two obvious routes.

The southern road leads through Lemberg into the black earth of the Ukraine. The northern road, by land, sea, and air, leads along the Baltic shores to Leningrad. That great industrial city occupies an undeniably vulnerable position. If the Finns or the other Baltic peoples were to assist a German plan of conquest, the defence of this exposed city would not be easy.

Both these roads Stalin has now closed. To do it he has had to rob three defenceless States and undermine their independence. In the process he has forfeited a defensive asset more valuable than many Baltic harbours—the respect and sympathy of progressive Europe.

Treachery Presupposed

What in the concrete does he fear? Is it that the war he precipitated may end prematurely, before we are all exhausted? Is it that the Allies will patch up some sort of peace, if not with Hitler, then with Goering or a restored monarchy?

In that event, Germany, with her military power intact, would turn eastwards and win, at his expense, the conquests she had renounced in the West. Great Britain, he may suspect, would give its blessing to this enterprise, and might even aid it, at any rate with loans and munitions.

That, perhaps, is why he laid so much stress on acquiring the Finnish port of Petsamo. It lies in sterile and almost uninhabited country on the shores of the Arctic. But the Gulf Stream warms its waters. It could be used by a Western Power—if its railway were completed — to send munitions to the Finns, even if the Baltic were closed.

It sounds like the fantastic dream of an evil mind. It presupposes the deliberate treachery of every actor in the nightmare.

I wish I could dismiss it as impossible. Unluckily, it corresponds only too closely to the secret wishes of the reactionaries in our own country, and probably in Germany also. In some states of public opinion it could be realised.

Folly Of Stalin

The folly of Stalin is that he has so acted as to bring this perilous condition of public opinion very much nearer. He has turned against himself the anger that brutality and ill-faith always do arouse and ought to arouse.

He has left us no answer to the charge that his system and Hitler's are politically akin. He has aroused all that is worst in the United States as well as all that is best, and brought on his own party, both there and in France, a wave of intolerance and persecution.

He has, moreover, raised a problem that may one day vex us all. For if ever we are able to restore peace and freedom to Europe, what will be our duty to Finland? Are we to restore independence to Czechs and Poles, and leave the Finns at the mercy of his dictation?

This materialist may believe that his bombing planes and his filched naval bases will always protect him against the conscience of mankind. If that is our destiny, then the Dark Ages have returned.

We cannot conceal our opinion; but in this situation caution in action is as necessary as frank speech.

The anger Stalin has inflamed is dangerous, because it will have as its eager ally forces that hate the Soviet Union, not because of its failings, but because of its great and enduring achievements.

Something of these, under all the corruptions of despotism, remains intact. These it is our duty as Socialists to protect, even when we stand by the Finns.

There is another and even more obvious reason for caution. If Stalin has cause to fear the overt enmity of the Western Powers, he may seek safety by becoming the active military ally of Germany and the accomplice of Japan.

If that were to happen, democracy would go under for the rest of our lifetime. Where every road is mined, let us walk warily.

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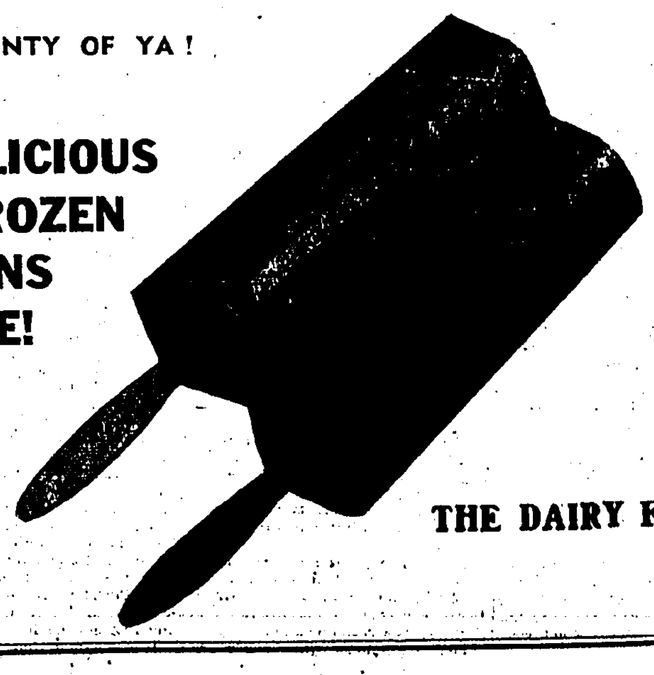

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FORMERLY OF CHINA STATION

Posthumous Honour For Commdr. Jolly

London, Yesterday.

THE POSTHUMOUS AWARD of the Military Medal of the Order of the British Empire to Commander Richard Frank Jolly, announced in the Gazette, recalls the gallant exploit for which this officer was decorated.

Commander Jolly was severely wounded in the stomach but refused to leave the bridge or allow himself to be medically attended, saying "Leave me — go look after the others."

He continued to direct his ship, the destroyer Mohawk, for a 35-mile passage home, lasting 80 minutes.

He was too weak for his orders to be heard, but these were repeated by his wounded navigating officer.

SPEARFISH EPIC

The commander of H. M. submarine Spearfish, Lt. J. H. Eaden, receives the Distinguished Service Cross.

Spearfish was disabled by depth charges and remained on the bottom of the sea while the enemy was trying to locate and destroy her.

Finally, when she rose to the surface, prepared to fight to the death, she found the sea clear.

She repaired her engines and wireless and summoned destroyers, which beat off an air attack and enabled Spearfish to reach port.

The D.S.O. is awarded to Lt.-Comm. J. G. D. Ouvry for risky work in dissecting enemy mines, the exact mechanism of which was unknown.

Lt.-Comm. Ouvry was sent out to the Singapore naval base in 1932 for work connected with the minefields and returned to England in 1937.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

Besides the commanding officer of Spearfish, two of the crew are included in the list of awards for gallant conduct in last night's "London Gazette."

Fifteen D.S.O.'s and 17 D.S.C.'s are included in the list of awards.—Reuter.

CHIANG PLANS NEW OFFENSIVES

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY.

AN IMPORTANT MILITARY CONFERENCE WAS SUMMONED A FEW DAYS AGO BY GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK AT SIANG-YANG, IN HUNAN PROVINCE, TO DISCUSS GENERAL COUNTER-OFFENSIVE MEASURES DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN CHUNGKING, STATES THE "SIN WAN PAO."

Among those who attended the conference were General Hse Yo, chairman of the Hunan provincial government, and General Li Tsung-jen, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces in Hunan and Hupeh.

Following the conference General Chiang Kai-shek made a tour of inspection to the Chinese fronts.

The Generalissimo later expressed satisfaction at the preparedness of the Chinese forces, the report states. —Reuter.

SECOND BATCH OFF

STOCKHOLM, YESTERDAY.

THE SECOND CONTINGENT OF SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS FOR FINLAND HAS LEFT FOR HELSINKI.

Swedish scientists, men of letters and churchmen have appealed to free men and women all over the world to help Finland.

In London, the Friends Ambulance Unit, organised by the Quakers, is sending 20 ambulances and a staff of 60 to Finland. — Reuter.

A Chinese prisoner, under treatment in the Kowloon Hospital, escaped at 10 p.m. yesterday. He was wearing hospital pyjamas.

PRINCESSES DO THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret did their Christmas shopping at a Woolworths store in Scotland. They visited the various counters and made many purchases. The presents were later placed on Xmas trees for evacuated children. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

LATEST NAZI BAN

BERLIN, YESTERDAY.

THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE BEEN IMPOSING HEAVY PENALTIES ON ANYONE LISTENING TO FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS HAVE NOW TAKEN FURTHER STEPS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE GERMAN PEOPLE ONLY GET NEWS APPROVED BY DR. GOEBBELS.

In future, there will be a ban on all foreign newspapers printed in the German language, which have hitherto enjoyed a considerable circulation.

The ban will affect, among others, several Swiss newspapers and a Hungarian paper.—Reuter.

SURPRISE "BLACKOUT"

New York, To-day.

The "blackout" came to the United States yesterday.

It was not a military or A.R.P. measure, however, but Dame Nature and the shortest day of the year.—Reuter.

QUEEN MARY'S NEW COLONELCY

London, Yesterday.

Queen Mary has been appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry Anti-Tank Regiment.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER

Canberra, Yesterday.

The Australian Premier announced to-day that Major-General the Hon. Sir Thomas Glasgow has been appointed Australian High Commissioner in Canada.

Major-General Glasgow, who is 63, commanded the 1st Division of the Australian Expeditionary Force in France, and later commanded the 4th Division.

From 1927 to 1929 he was Defence Minister. — Reuter.

GERMANY DENIES GNEISENAU LOSS

Berlin, Yesterday.

Reports from Riga, via a French source, that the crack N.D.L. liner Gneisenau had been sunk either by a mine or a submarine are officially denied in Berlin.—Reuter.

DISTRESSED MARINERS

London, Yesterday.

Officers and men of British merchantmen sunk by the enemy after December 1 will be paid full wages for one month or until they reach this country, whichever is the greater.

The Government and the shipowners will share the cost of this measure equally.

The shipowners have also offered to compensate injured men, so that a fully disabled man will receive full wages.—Reuter.

NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Stockholm, Yesterday.

Germany and Sweden to-day signed in Berlin a new commercial agreement regulating the two countries' trade in 1940 and financial transactions between nationals of the two countries. — Havas.

BRITISH FORCES IN EGYPT REINFORCED

London, Yesterday.

The British forces in Egypt have been reinforced by the arrival of further contingents from India. The first reinforcements arrived towards the end of October.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER'S CHRISTMAS

London, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister will spend Christmas in the country but will remain throughout in closest touch with affairs.—British Wireless.

CANADA'S FIRST WAR LOAN SOON

Ottawa, Yesterday.

The Canadian Finance Minister announces that Canada's first war loan will be floated early in the New Year. — Reuter.

Private W. F. Toms, of the Middlesex Regiment, reported to the Police last night that a sum of $70 had been taken from his trouser pocket in the Imperial Cafe in Nathan Road yesterday.

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RED ARMY BACK ALMOST TO SOVIET BORDER

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET OFFENSIVES IN FINLAND, WHICH HAS DEVELOPED INTO A ROUT IN THE PETSAMO REGION, WITH THE FINNS CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF TROOPS WHO HAVE DISCARDED WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT, HAS ALREADY HAD REPERCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW.

For lack of adequate planning and preparation of the Finnish campaign, Stalin has relieved General Merejkov from the command of the Russian armies in Finland, the "Daily Telegraph" reports.

It is added that General Merejkov was summoned to the Kremlin two days ago to explain his failure.

HITLER AIDING RUSSIA?

Meanwhile, an official Moscow communique seeks to refute foreign press reports of Soviet failure.

Mentioning the topographical difficulties and the strength of the Mannerheim Line, which is compared to the Siegfried Line, the communique claims that in the past three weeks the Soviet has advanced on all fronts; on the Petsamo front an average of six kilometres daily; in Uleaborg 7½; in Sortevala four, and in Viborg three.

According to the "Daily Herald," Hitler has supplied the Soviet with German planes and pilots, many of whom received experience in Spain.

The Germans are alleged to have arrived at Soviet headquarters in Estonia last week.

MANNERHEIM LINE HOLDS

On the Karelian Isthmus, which has seen smashing attacks on the Mannerheim Line for 16 days without respite, the Finns are still firmly entrenched in their main defences, while 65 miles north of Ladoga, the Red Army has been thrown back almost to the Soviet border.

Seven Soviet aircraft, possibly twelve, were shot down by the Finns in the course of a day of intensive air activity.—Havas.

Helsinki, Yesterday.

While Finland's Christmas holiday will be a quiet and sad one, it nevertheless comes at the end of a week of notable successes.

In northern Finland the Russian retreat from Petsamo was still in full swing this morning.

The Russians are reported to have given up Salmijervi and a series of other strong positions they took a week ago.

According to a conservative estimate the Finnish counter-attack cost the Russians a minimum number of 5,000 dead.

A similar account of operations comes from the Salla front, where the booty captured by the Finns is described as particularly large.—Reuter.

Soviet Try To Cover Retreat From Air

Helsinki, Yesterday.

Soviet planes are trying to cover the Red Army retreat on the northern front.

They are not meeting with much success, as the Finns are advancing in extended formation.

Thousands of Russians are reported to have been killed in the Finnish counter-attacks.—Reuter.

Finns Begin New Counter-Strokes

Helsinki, Yesterday.

While the Russians are retreating in disorder on the northern front, the Finns are launching counter-attacks in the centre and in front of the Mannerheim Line.

There attacks are meeting with success, but the best proof of Russia's difficulty comes from Russia herself.

A communique issued in Moscow, while claiming advances in the last three days, makes a lengthy attempt to explain why the Red Army has not gained the anticipated successes.

EVERY EXCUSE

The statement puts forward every possible excuse, and talks of the rugged country, few roads, impassable forests and lakes.

It also says the Mannerheim Line is not inferior to the Siegfried Line.

The statement attacks the foreign press for talking of the failure of the campaign, and says the Red Army never expected to annihilate the Finns in one crushing blow.

The communique gives losses as very nearly equal—1,800 Russians killed and 2,200 Finns killed.

Actually, Russian losses are much heavier, and one neutral press report puts them as 25 times higher than Finnish casualties.

WINTER QUARTERS?

There is some speculation whether the Red troops in the north will go into winter quarters.

Finnish planes have bombed Terijoki, seat of the bogus Finnish government, and the Reds have bombed seven undefended towns in southern Finland.—Reuter.

Reports Confirmed

London, Yesterday.

Messages reaching London from various sources—including the German news agency—confirm that the Finns are advancing rapidly in the north and the east.

Heavy Soviet casualties are reported in the Karelian Isthmus, together with more tank losses. Coastal batteries have been active.

In retaliation, Soviet aeroplanes are taking advantage of the weather in southern Finland to bomb various cities; their objectives range from the bombing of the Finnish coastal batteries south of Viborg to attacking peaceful towns.

The raid over Helsinki was the third in four days, and 16 people are reported to have been killed and 43 wounded.

The casualties might have been higher, it is said, had it not been for the Finnish anti-aircraft batteries, which drove the raiders to an abnormal height and effectively dispersed them.—Reuter.

Russian Raids

Helsinki, Yesterday.

Russian aeroplanes again appeared over Helsinki to-day, flying at a height of about 10,000 feet. Bombs were dropped in the northern quarter of the city. Material damage was negligible.

The Russians in full retreat in northern Finland, are said to be headed for Kola, which is on the Leningrad/Murmansk railway line about 10 miles or so south of Murmansk.

Discussing the present stage of hostilities, a Finnish Staff Colonel said that it was a mistake to think that the Soviets could cross Finland by steam-roller tactics, as conditions made this impossible.

When winter really comes, he said, the Russians will not be able to use their mechanised forces, at any rate, not north of Lake Ladoga.

It is confirmed that 35 Soviet aeroplanes have been shot down in the last three days. Russian tanks lost since the war began total about 350. —Reuter.

TOO HOT TO HANDLE

Washington, Yesterday.

It is revealed by immigration officials that the crew of the Columbus will be repatriated to Germany as soon as possible, without disclosure of their departure.

It is desired to avert a possible incident.

Were they to be held up on the high seas by Allied warships and removed from a neutral ship as prisoners of war, the German Government might allege that their detention was made possible by U.S. connivance.—Reuter.

TREBITSCH LINCOLN "WARNS"

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Abbot Chao Kung, better known to the world at large as Trebitsch Lincoln, accused of espionage during the World War, has again issued a "veiled threat" to the Powers to cease war—else he will do something about it.

This is the second time this year he has hinted at "secret powers" possessed by what he calls the Supreme Masters and, by implication, himself.

The first time he made this announcement was during the post-Munich crisis in the first few months of the year. Then, as now, he hinted that if the leading World Powers did not attempt to settle their differences amicably, the Supreme Masters would do something about it. He set a time limit of a week or so, saying that if something was not done within that period, he would take matters into his own hand.

"TERRIBLE" THREAT

Since then, nothing further has been heard of the Abbot's powers. Now, he has come forward again, threatening to unleash powers unknown to the Mere Man, against which ordinary mortals are helpless. He will unleash these powers unless the British, French, German and Soviet Governments immediately call a peace conference.

While the Man-in-the-street dismisses the Abbot's pronouncements with a shrug or a laugh, as the case may be, semi-official circles are interested in what is behind these statements by the Austrian — former missionary, former British subject, and former many other things — who is now head of a Buddhist sect in Shanghai. — Our Own Correspondent.

BITTER WEATHER IN MAGINOT LINE

Paris, Yesterday.

It is so bitterly cold on the Maginot Line that men in the outposts have to be constantly relieved.

The dry atmosphere, however, is leading to increasing air activity on both sides and R.A.F. fighters went up more than 100 times.—Reuter.

RESEARCH FOR WAR WEAPONS

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Leslie Burgin has formed a committee of scientific research and technical development. The members have been selected from well-known experts skilled in the work in which the Ministry of Supply is most closely interested.—Reuter.

LENINGRAD ORDERS BLACKOUT

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Moscow, Yesterday.

Fearing Finnish air raids on Leningrad, the military authorities have ordered a black-out in an area of 100 kilometres round the city.—Reuter.

FRENCH DEFENCE APPROPRIATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Paris, Yesterday.

The total appropriations for national defence voted by the Chamber of Deputies for the first three months of 1940 amount to 55,000,000,000 francs. — Havas.

UNITED STATES' GESTURE

Prospect Of Formal Treaty Negotiations With Japan

The British Navy has "bagged" another U-boat and just landed the captive crew at a Northern port. Picture shows types of the U-boat prisoners waiting to be landed. (Copyright, Fox).

INTERESTING ORDER ISSUED IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Yesterday.

THE POSSIBILITY OF an early opening of formal negotiations between the United States and Japan for a new trade agreement, to replace that which was denounced nearly six months ago, is envisaged in official quarters.

Importance is attached to an order issued simultaneously by the Treasury Department and the Department of Commerce which frees Japanese imports, for the time being, from the payment of additional levies which would normally be applied automatically on expiry of the existing Treaty.

This is viewed as a conciliatory gesture, in response to the Japanese decision to re-open the Yangtse as far as Nanking, for while the United States Government is not yet satisfied that the re-opening is of great importance on the present basis, it is felt that it may lead to a wider improvement of third Power relations with Japan.

The Japanese Embassy has been studying the Treasury order and interprets it as an effort to keep open discussions now proceeding which may develop later into formal negotiations.

Some officials believe that the Order indicates a policy of appeasement by the Administration as regards Japan.

JAPANESE PREDICTIONS

Japanese quarters predict early talks between Mr. Horinuchi and Mr. Cordell Hull as the result of the preliminary discussions in Tokyo between Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and Mr. Joseph Grew.

It is understood that Mr. Horinuchi has received instructions to seek an interview with Mr. Cordell Hull to discuss the situation.—Reuter.

FOKKER GRAVELY ILL

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

NEW YORK, YESTERDAY.

ANTHONY FOKKER, THE FAMOUS DUTCH AEROPLANE DESIGNER, IS LYING NEAR DEATH IN A NEW YORK HOSPITAL.

Fokker was born in the Netherlands and became famous during the Great War, not only by his planes but by the invention of a device permitting machin-guns to fire through the propellers.—Havas.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

At the request of Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon yesterday remanded Tung Ying, 34, for a week on a highway robbery charge.

Tung was alleged to have stolen $124, from Cheung Foon, a woman, in Southwall Road on Friday afternoon.

GERMAN EXPRESS DISASTER

Berlin, Yesterday.

The latest information on yesterday's railway disaster puts the number of dead at "over a hundred" and the number of injured as about 150.

The Berlin/Neunkirchen express, carrying passengers, was travelling at full speed when she collided with the Berlin/Cologne express.—Reuter.

RADIO SET STOLEN

Mr. Jordon, residing in Military quarters, Kennedy Road, has reported the theft of a G. E. C. radio between 10 and 11 a.m. on Friday.

OLD PARIS BRIDGE WRECKED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Paris, Yesterday.

One of the oldest Paris landmarks disappeared yesterday when the famous St. Louis bridge, connecting the left bank of the Seine with a small island behind Notre Dame, collapsed.

The collapse was caused when a barge in the river got out of control and carried away the central pier.

The gas piping crossing the Seine, which was enclosed in the bridge's structure, caught fire later.

So far three bodies have been taken out of the river and dragging is continuing. It is feared that the deathroll may be as heavy as 20 as many persons on the bridge were carried down when the collapse occurred.

Six seriously injured persons are in hospital, including the master of the barge.

The bridge was built in 1627 and had been rebuilt three times, the last occasion being in 1877.—Havas.

ADMIRAL'S TOUR

London, Yesterday.

Admiral Francois Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French naval forces, who is now on a visit to Britain, has concluded a tour of naval establishments at Portsmouth. Accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief he was shown over a motor torpedo-boat and the torpedo and mining establishment, and witnessed a demonstration of naval anti-aircraft firing.

Admiral Darlan has been in consultation during his visit with the First Lord of the Admiralty on Allied naval matters. — British Wireless.

STALIN 'HONOURED'

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Paris, Yesterday.

P.A.T., the Polish news agency, which is now functioning in France, reports from reliable sources that the population of Soviet-occupied Poland was compelled under threat of severe punishment to participate in the celebrations in connexion with Stalin's sixtieth birthday.

All factories, offices and schools were ordered to organise ceremonies.—Havas.

WELCOME TO CANADIANS

London, Yesterday.

The War Secretary has sent a message to Major General McNaughton on behalf of the Army Council, expressing pride and pleasure in welcoming the Canadian active service force on their arrival from Canada.

Mr. Hore-Belisha says: "Your coming is living proof that our just cause brings British men together from all ends of the earth, and we shall stand together until victory is won."—British Wireless.

AIR CLASH OVER SAAR FRONT

PARIS, YESTERDAY.

AN AIR BATTLE ENSUED OVER THE WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY WHEN NAZI PURSUIT 'PLANES ATTACKED A FRENCH RECONNAISSANCE MACHINE, AND FRENCH FIGHTERS JOINED THE FRAY.

Details are still lacking. While in Berlin, a German communique claims that the French 'plane was forced down behind the German lines, a French War Ministry spokesman said that it was possible that the French machine had landed on French soil, but no reports has as yet been received and so the 'plane was not yet considered "lost." — Reuter.

MAHARAJA MAKES GIFT

London, Yesterday.

The Maharaja of Rajpipla has offered one lakh of rupees for war purposes, to be paid from January next in twelve instalments.

He expressed the desire that the first instalment be earmarked for cigarettes for the troops in France.

In accepting, the Viceroy expressed deep appreciation.—British Wireless.

CENTENARY IN N.Z.

London, Yesterday.

In response to a request from the New Zealand Government, the Marquess of Willingdon has been invited to represent the British Government during the Centennial celebrations in New Zealand next year.

He will be accompanied by Marchioness Willingdon and will arrive in time to attend the celebrations in the early part of the year.—British Wireless.

RIO BRITONS RAISE RED CROSS FUNDS

London, Yesterday.

British residents in Rio de Janeiro are, like other British communities abroad, demonstrating their loyalty and their enthusiastic support of the cause for which the Empire has taken up arms.

Among other activities they have already collected £500 for the Red Cross.—British Wireless.

ARGENTINE TO AID FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Argentine is the first country to reply to the League Secretariat's appeal requesting member States to help Finland.

The Argentine expresses readiness to assist Helsinki and states it would consider favourably any suggestions.—Havas.

TRANSFERS TO PANAMA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Washington, Yesterday.

The Department of Commerce announces that 48 American ships were registered in 1939 under the Panamanian flag, thus bringing the number of American ships under Panama's registry to 166. — Havas.

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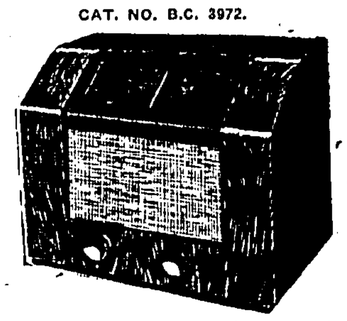

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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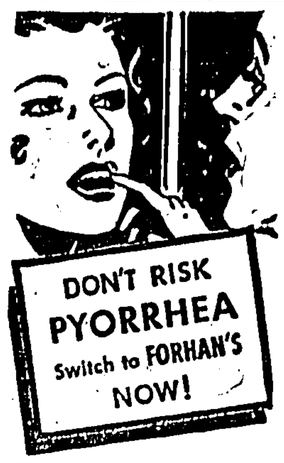

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1932	Chevrolet Cabriolet	850
1932	Hillman Minx Saloon	975
1931	Ford 'A' Coupe	675
1934	Austin '7' Tourer	750
1933	Austin '10' Saloon	900
1931	Hudson '8' Saloon	350
1930	Marquette Tourer	195
1934	Ford V-8 Sedan	1,200
1939	De Soto Sedan	3,500
1939	Plymouth De Luxe Sedan	3,250
1933	Studebaker Sedan	1,050
1934	Plymouth Sedan	1,250
1934	Hillman 20/70 Saloon	1,500
1931	Willys Knight Sedan	575
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CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FIXTURE CARD

The usual Christmas football fare will be served up again this year, starting to-morrow with the Semi-Final Round games in "The Hong Kong Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition.

China, holders, meet Portugal, last year finalists, at Sookunpoo to-day at 3.30 p.m. and should easily enter the Final, where they will meet the winners of the Scotland and England tie on the Club ground on Tuesday.

Portugal have not yet decided on their team, which will be chosen on the ground, but from the players requested to attend it is not difficult to guess the probable side.

R. Marques, who had given up the game, will be seen in goal for the first time this season, having sportingly turned out for this game as Portugal have no goalkeeper. E. M. Marques is suffering from an injured arm and U. B. Souza is not available.

It is highly probable that A. V. Gosano will lead the attack, in which case C. Marques and D. Alves will be the backs, with N. Delgado, Fernandes, both of International, and Pereira, the Colony's most improved player, as the half-back line.

T. Castilho, B. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, J. Gomes and T. Alves will probably comprise the attack. B. Gosano, who has been absent from local football for some time, played regularly in Swatow while there.

CHINA WITHOUT LEE

With the exception of Lee Waitong, China have chosen their best available team.

Chan Tak-fai will lead the attack, while for the left wing Ip Pak-wah, former All-China player, has been preferred to Hau Ching-to.

On Tuesday, Scotland and England meet in the other Semi-Final tie, and it looks as if Scotland will figure in the Final.

Roughley and Layle, both of Navy, have been included in the English team on reputation only as neither have done much locally.

YOUNGEST INTERNATIONAL?

Scotland's team is fairly representative, and it will be interesting to see how Pryde fares in his first big game. He is still at school and is probably the youngest player to receive local international recognition.

To-day, at Boundary Road, Eastern receive another severe test when they meet Kwong Wah in the First Division of the League. The first game resulted in Eastern winning by 3 goals to 1, but in the meantime Kwong Wah have improved greatly, while Eastern have not been so impressive.

On the Club ground, South China "B" meet the Club, and if the latter can maintain their present form—they fully extended South China "A" and beat Royal Scots—they may secure at least a point.

The following are the International teams:

PORTUGAL (From the following):—R. Marques (St. Joseph's), C. Marques (St. Joseph's), D. Alves (St. Joseph's), N. Delgado (International), J. Pereira (St. Joseph's), T. Castilho (St. Joseph's), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), B. T. Gosano (St. Joseph's), J. Gomes (Electric), A. Alves (St. Joseph's), R. Ribeiro (St. Joseph's), C. Fernandes (International), R. Rocha (International), H. Campos (International) and C. Santos (Kowloon).

CHINA:—Tam Kwan-kon (S.C. "A"); Lee Tin-sang (S.C. "A") and Mak Shui-hon (S.C. "A"); Hsu King-cheng (Eastern), Leung Wing-chiu (S.C. "A") (Capt.), and Lau Hing-choi (S.C. "A"); Yeung Shui-yick (S.C. "B"), Fung King-cheung (S.C. "A"), Chan Tak-fai (S.C. "A"), Chow Man-chi (Kwong Wah) and Ip Pak-wa (S.C. "A").

Reserves:—Cheuk Shek-kam, Tse Kam-hung, Hou Yung-sang, Lau Hin-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, Lai Chi-tsan, Law Wai-kuen, Chung Yung-sum and Chang Ching-hai.

ENGLAND:—Robinson (Navy); Roughley (Navy) and Hendy (Navy); Layle (Navy), Bright (Middlesex) (Capt.) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Gardner (H.K.E.), Thorburn (Navy), Fowler (H.K. Club), Saw (Middlesex) and Thomas (Middlesex).

Reserves:—E. Strange (H.K. Club), Brettt (Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.) and Freshwater (Middlesex).

SCOTLAND:—Duncan (Scots); A. Bone (Club) and Blackburn (Police) (Captain); McEwen (Club), Williamson (Kowloon) and Clarke (Scots); Munro (Scots), Pryde (Club), Hossack (Scots), Ferrier (Police) and Tait (Middlesex).

Reserves:—Dignan (Signals), Birrell (Engineers) and Gibb (Scots).

BILLIARDS SNOOKER AND DARTS

Following are latest results in the Steel Coulson and H. B. League:

SNOOKER

P.O. Club	1 Garrison "B"	2
	Score	Score
R. Grindley	39 Stokes	60
F. Hill	39 Hancock	50
S. Marvin	68 Morrice	32
Garrison Sgts "A"	2 H.K. Police	1
Haslam	64 Bradsell	57
Gill	74 Ellis	26
Harden	16 Pope	60
D.R.C.	1 C.S.C.C.	2
Edwards	47 Strange	33
Evans	42 Ebbage	47
Smith	29 Bendall	63
C.C.C.	2 C.P.O.R.C.	1
G. Ladd	44 Horgan	31
T. Lock	24 Jennings	46
S. Solina	60 West	46
R.E. Sgts Mess	3 R.A.F. Sgts Mess	0
Brannon	87 Collins	0
Rogers	63 Cersell	22
Lowe	50 Tipple	25
R.A.F. Sgts Mess	2 H.B. Club	1
Cersell	36 G. Santos	61
Tipple	54 H.K. Lee	26
Collins	40 L. Castilho	19
Taikoo Club	0 Naval Police	3
Main	16 Nichol	48
Patterson	48 Matthewes	73
Chalmers	48 Brown	54

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Civil Service C.C.	9	7	2	19	8	10
Naval Police	8	7	1	17	7	17
R.E. Sgts Mess	8	6	2	17	7	17
Garrison "A"	9	6	3	17	10	17
H.K. Police	8	5	3	15	9	15
P.O. Club	9	4	5	14	13	14
H.B. Club	8	3	6	11	13	11
C.P.O.R.C.	8	3	6	10	14	10
C.C.C.	9	4	5	10	17	10
R.A.F. Sgts Mess	8	3	5	9	15	9
D.R.C.	8	3	5	9	15	9
Garrison "B"	8	3	5	9	15	9
Taikoo Club	8	2	6	5	19	5

Highest Break G. A. Low (H.B.) 30.

BILLIARDS

P.O. Club	2 Garrison "B"	1
	Score	Score
T. Gooding	150 Stokes	77
G. Gowland	150 Brown	59
R. Lyle	149 Cullimore	150
Garrison "A"	1 H.K. Police	2
Haslam	150 Taylor	88
Wood	140 Ellis	150
Carden	126 Pope	150
D.R.C.	1 C.S.C.C.	2
Collins	83 Grimmitt	150
Jackson	150 Rakusen	148
Lewis	143 Jones	150
C.C.C.	2 C. & P.O.R.C.	1
W. Hong Sling	150 Davis	124
E. Zimmern	150 Honeywell	121
A. Kitchell	82 Grant	150
R.E. Sgts Mess	2 R.A.F. Sgts Mess	1
Gales	70 Harrison	150
Wellwood	150 Aikman	97
Jackson	150 Williams	126
R.A.F. Sgts Mess	1 H.B. Club	2
Harrison	150 B. Marcal	106
Aikman	66 G. Low	150
Williams	113 H. M. Ng	150
Taikoo Club	2 Naval Police	1
Tocher	127 Duddridge	150
Main	150 Matthewes	51
Stainton	150 Roach	79

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Civil Service C.C.	9	9	0	23	4	23
H.B. Club	8	8	0	20	4	20
D.R.C.	9	6	3	16	11	16
C.C.C.	9	5	4	15	12	15
H.K. Police	8	5	3	14	10	14
P.O. Club	9	4	5	13	14	13
Garrison "A"	9	4	5	12	15	12
Taikoo Club	8	4	4	11	13	11
C.P.O.R.C.	8	3	5	10	14	10
R.A.F. Sgt Mess	8	3	5	10	14	10
Naval Police	7	1	6	7	14	7
R.E. Sgts Mess	8	2	6	7	17	7
Garrison "B"	8	0	8	4	20	4

Highest Break Mr. Gowland (P.O.C.) 60.

DARTS

R.E. Sgts Mess	3 R.A.F. Sgts Mess	2
	Score	Score
Lowe	3 Stone	0
Dobson	2 Collins	1
Davis	0 Williams	2
Bartlett	2 Aikman	1
Wellwood	1 Cersell	2
Garrison "A"	4 H.K. Police	1
Ford	2 Estall	1
Winn	2 Taylor	1
Hall	1 Clarke	2
Chalcroft	2 Sabuy	0
Carden	2 Pope	0

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
C.P.O.R.C.	6	4	2	16	14	16
R.A.F. Sgts Mess	6	4	2	16	14	16
Garrison Sgts "A"	4	3	1	15	5	15
Naval Police	5	1	4	13	13	13
H.K. Police	5	2	3	13	13	13
R.E. Sgts Mess	5	2	3	11	14	11
Prison Officers	4	1	3	7	13	7
D.R.C.	3	0	3	4	11	4

Highest game finish Mr. Lowe (R.E. Sgts Mess) 72.

Highest score in three successive darts.

YACHTING RESULTS

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Sweepstake race over 7.45 miles yesterday resulted as follows:

"A" Class Started 14.40 Hrs.

La Linda (Cmd. R. B. H. Johnstone).	16.53.50	1st
True Blue (Mr. J. G. B. Dewar).	16.54.00	2nd
Isobel (Capt. G. E. Neve).	17.00.55	3rd
Maureen (Mr. G. T. Harrington).	17.01.03	4th
Gull (Mr. G. O. G. Mills).	17.05.06	5th
Redshank (Lt/Cmd. M. C. Rimington).	17.05.37	6th
Joss (Mr. P. H. MacMillan).	17.06.05	7th
Painted Lady (Lt/Cmd. W. Harrison).	17.06.31	8th
Eve (Mr. W. B. Sparrow).	17.11.54	9th
Penelope	D.N.F.	D.N.F.

Mixed Classes Started 14.55 Hrs.

Alisa (Capt. Matthews).	16.52.55½	1st
Colleen (Mr. Max Oxford).	16.53.24	2nd
Owl (Mr. John Moodie).	17.03.42½	3rd
Nannette (Mr. W. H. Johnson).	17.08.07	4th
Widgeon (Mr. Hawke).	17.18.04¾	5th

TO-DAY'S SOFTBALL

The following is to-day's softball programme:—

MEN'S LEAGUE

Recreio "A" v. Recreio "B" (Recreio, Noon)

English Forum v. International (C.B.A., 12.30 p.m.)

Canadian Chinese v. C.B.A. (C.B.A., 1.45 p.m.)

Trojans v. V.R.C. (C.B.A., 3.00 p.m.)

Chung Hwa v. Filipino Club (C.B.A., 4.15 p.m.)

LADIES' LEAGUE

Pirates v. Wildcats (Prince Edward Road, 10.30 a.m.)

Cardinals v. Wahoos (Prince Edward Road, Noon)

Cubs v. H.K. Ball Club (Prince Edward Road, 1.30 p.m.)

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Electric v. Shell (Murray Parade ground, 10 a.m.)

Chartered Bank v. Union Insurance (Murray ground, 11.30 a.m.)

National City Bk. v. China Provident (Marina ground, 10 a.m.)

Cables v. Ewo Beer (Marina ground, 11 a.m.)

Socony v. American Express (Marina ground, Noon.)

ACTIVITIES ON THE BORDER: 30 PLANES REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

COINCIDENT WITH the substantial increase in strength of the Japanese armed forces along the border, other reports, originating in the New Territories, are current that 30 Japanese planes landed at the newly-completed aerodrome at Shumchun, on Friday.

Well-informed quarters say it is possible that the Japanese have landed additional machines (last week there were only two) but the reports cannot be confirmed authoritatively.

The reports state that at dawn on Friday, 30 Japanese planes, from the direction of Canton, circled overhead and landed safely at Shumchun.

The previous afternoon all work on the landing field was stopped by the Japanese authorities and the conscript labourers were "interned" on a separate piece of land adjoining the aerodrome.

Immediately after the last machine had landed, some 200 Japanese soldiers were posted around the landing field to guard the machines against attacks by guerillas.

HEAVY MOVEMENT OF TROOPS

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

The temporary closure of the Pearl River by the Japanese authorities in Canton was ordered to facilitate the passage of Japanese military transports from Canton, the "Sunday Herald" learns.

Transports with many troops on board, have monopolised the Pearl River during the past few days.

The troops, it is believed, are being conveyed from Canton to the Pakhoi area to reinforce the Japanese troops in Kwangsi.

Cargo junks are still plying between Hong Kong and Canton, but have to submit to examination in Anchan Bay off Namtau and obtain passes before being allowed to proceed up the Pearl River.

FURTHER DAYLIGHT A.R.P. EXERCISES

FURTHER DAYLIGHT AIR raid exercises—similar to that held last Sunday—are planned following requests to the A.R.P. Department by Divisional Wardens, for similar exercises in their areas.

Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., stated yesterday that the reports made last Sunday were thoroughly examined and compared favourably with provincial towns in England in spite of the fact that Hong Kong started five years late with such preparations.

The Director added that although the A.R.P. Personnel knew the work they had to undertake and while their training appeared to be on the correct lines, it was discovered that they need practical experience.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins mentioned that the Kowloon Motorbus Company had, at their own expense, provided motor-lorries, the necessary equipment and 250 employees as rescue and demolition parties.

These men, after two months' training turned out for the first time in last Sunday's exercise.

"It was a great pleasure to watch the businesslike manner in which the newly-formed body got into action in removing debris and rescuing the "casualties," remarked the Director.

"I hope that the public-spirit of the Kowloon Motorbus Company will spur others."

It is the intention of the A.R.P. Department to reconstruct the "incidents" in the mock air raid and forward them to Divisional Wardens showing them where errors were made.

By this means, it is hoped that the few faults will be remedied.

"FOR SERVICES RENDERED"

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

A full report concerning the alleged collection of "fees for services rendered" by the Kowloon Self-Defence Corps has been called for by Sir Robert Kotewall, Kt. C.M.G., LL.D., the "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday.

"I have received a verbal report, and have called for a detailed written report," stated Sir Robert yesterday. He added that he was not able to make any statement until after receiving the detailed report.

The Corps is a voluntary organisation, formed, shortly after the outbreak of war in Europe, with the object of assisting the Hong Kong Police in maintaining peace and order.

Voluntary contributions have been sought for the upkeep of the Corps, but no resident should have been presented with a bill for "services rendered."

Pommery and Greno have issued an interesting brochure containing historic menus of 1939 through Messrs. Caldbeck, Macgregor and Co.

GRASS FIRE

A grass fire occurred shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday evening on the hillside of Harlech Road, near the Upper Peak Tram Station. One fire appliance, sent to the scene, extinguished the outbreak. The area of the fire covered about 200 square yards.

STRANGER THAN FICTION STORY IN H.K.

"Stranger than fiction" stories received an addition in Hong Kong this week, when a 78-year old woman, presumed to be dead, temporarily "came to life."

The woman died at her Bridges Street home, and her sons and relatives called in Buddhist priests and nuns to perform the necessary rites to ensure the safe crossing of the Great Divide.

Around the coffin, stood the priests, chanting and playing their mournful instruments, while the wails of the mourners rose and fell. Then came the moment for the encoffining, and the relatives looked for the last time.

To the horror of one, the eyelids moved. Then, as everyone's hair stood on end, the body turned first to the left and then to the right.

There was a stampede for the door, the priests dropping their "musical" instruments and joining in the rush. In a matter of moments the room was empty.

It was some considerable time before the relatives plucked up courage to re-enter the room. Then it was found that the "revival" had been of a temporary nature only.

The following day, the interment was carried out, and this time there was no hitch.

COSTS OF THE WAR TO HONG KONG

During the period immediately preceding and following the outbreak of the war, considerable expenditure was incurred in the transportation of Police Officers and supplies to certain allotted emergency stations, states an official minute concerning a supplementary vote to be presented in Legislative Council Finance Committee on Thursday.

It has also been necessary to employ extra temporary clerical staff to assist with work in connection with trade marks, traffic regulations, enemy property and the prize court.

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING RUSH

Although the famous "Christmas Rush" was obviously over yesterday evening, there were still quite a number of late shoppers who, for one reason or another, had failed to complete their Christmas purchases, and the department stores, which remained open until late, did a steady business.

A tour of the leading department tores by a "Sunday Herald" representative showed that the most popular counters, in order, were the Kiddies' Christmas Toys counters; he Smokers' Requisites Department; nd, neck and neck for third place, hose counters dispensing Men's Neckwear and Ladies' Leg-wear.

A casual count at several stores howed the proportion of Chinese to European shoppers to be, roughly ine to one. While quite a number f the Chinese buyers were purchasng games, crackers, Xmas Stockings nd another appurtenances appropriate to the festive season, the majority appeared to be concentrating on winter clothing, apparently taking advantage of the special Christmas sales.

CATHOLICITY IN BOOKS

It was not only the leading department stores, however, that were kept busy. The bookstores, for instance, had more than their usual quota of customers, whose tastes ranged all the way from Christmas cards and calendars to children's annuals and a variety of light and heavy fiction. Jewellers were also busy.

Around five o'clock, the tea-rooms were busier than they usually are, as weary, footsore shoppers, carrying parcels of all dimensions and at all conceivable angles, came in to relax over a quick one or a "nice cupper tea." Not to mention scones, toast and cakes, of course.

And so home, there to hide, with furtive secrecy, the parcels and gifts from itching fingers, until to-morrow, when, from an early hour (comparatively speaking in the case of those celebrating Christmas Eve to-night), and with much crackling of paper, young and old will engage in that most delightful of all pursuits — seeing what Santa Claus has brought.

THE THRILL

On the whole, the old gentleman does pretty well in his choice of gifts. But many a shopkeeper spends Christmas wondering what proportion of his gifts will come back to be exchanged.

After all, for instance, what woman ever did know the difference between a good cigar and a cabbage-weed? And a pacifist who is presented by his maiden aunt, the dear old soul, with the tie of one of the famous Guards Regiments or the Volunteers is in somewhat of a predicament, isn't he?

But that's where the thrill of opening strange packages comes in!

CELEBRATIONS IN FULL SWING

Although to-night is, of course, the big night, second only to New Year's Eve in importance, Christmas celebrations were in full swing last night, taking full advantage of the fact that Christmas this year gives a long week-end.

Hotels and cabarets were full of merrymakers until an early hour this morning, the prospect of two late, hectic nights in a row proving no deterrent.

Among the various functions was a Central British School dance in St. Andrews' Hall, and a Christmas Party in the Metropole Hotel.

Christmas and pantomimes are almost synonymous, and yesterday afternoon's performance of "Ali Baba" at the European Y.M.C.A. was deservedly popular; another performance will be given on Boxing Day.

ANTI-T.B. CAMPAIGN

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

AN ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN IN THE COLONY IS TO BE STARTED ON THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, WITH A BROADCAST FROM Z.B.W., THE "SUNDAY HERALD" WAS AUTHORITATIVELY INFORMED YESTERDAY.

The broadcast will be in both the Chinese and English languages.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., will be responsible for the vernacular broadcast, while the English version will be given by the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services.

It is understood that the broadcast will include detailed statistics in connection with the tuberculosis scourge in the Colony.

Similar broadcasts will be given on the evenings of the first and second Thursdays in January.

BUS TICKET PRIVILEGES

Beginning from January 1, student season tickets will allow eight trips a day, the "Sunday Herald" was informed last night by Mr. William S. T. Louey, General Manager of the Kowloon Bus Company.

Booklets, containing separate tickets for each day will be issued to bona fide students at $4 per month. These tickets will be punched recording each trip the student takes.

"Family" tickets are to be abolished.

WEDDING IN WANCHAI

A colourful wedding took place at the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, yesterday afternoon, when Miss Annie Wild became the bride of the Reverend Frank E. Evison of the same Church. Rev. J. E. Sandbach conducted the ceremony.

The bride is a newcomer to the Colony, and recently came from Lancaster.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

PROHIBITION OF HONG KONG EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE: MERCHANTS CONFERRING

NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT is yet forthcoming regarding the discovery, which has come as a shock to local exporters, that Hong Kong has been ruled outside the sterling bloc countries and subject to severe trade restrictions in other parts of the Empire.

The issue was brought forcibly to Hong Kong's attention by publication in the official "Gazette" in Singapore of a list of goods, the import of which is prohibited from non-sterling countries.

The comprehensive list includes practically every important article manufactured in Hong Kong, and the decision of the Singapore authorities, who have certain powers of exemption, declining to exempt Hong Kong from the terms of the order, means, for the moment, that the Colony is practically shut out of the Malayan market.

The matter becomes more serious in view of hints of a possibility that a similar ban on Hong Kong's products may be imposed by other colonies within the sterling bloc.

TWO SIDES

It is pointed out that the position which has developed is not intended to be discriminatory against Hong Kong.

The Colony, on the contrary, has been given preferential treatment in this sense: that rigid exchange control measures demanded of other Colonies have not been imposed here, because of the disastrous effect upon the Colony's Chinese entrepot trade, which represents the greater part of the trade of the Colony.

It is understood that Hong Kong was relieved of the controls placed on the sterling bloc in order that its trade with China should continue unaffected.

BUDGET EXPLANATION

The position, it may be recalled, was explained by the Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine in his Budget speech, when he outlined the differences between the full measures of control imposed in the home country and in the British Colonies and added:

"Because of our peculiar circumstances we have had to make certain exceptions even in the field of sale of exchange. Both exports of Hong Kong and Chinese bank notes and remittances of small sums to the interior of China are either completely free or subjected to only a loose control. In view of that the authorities at home have felt obliged to refuse absolutely unrestricted dealings between London and Hong Kong lest there should be a leakage of funds from London through Hong Kong. We have, however, been assured that the authorities in London will provide exchange for all legitimate purposes and sterling transactions in Hong Kong itself are completely unrestricted."

MERCHANTS CONFERRING

The problems created by the Singapore decree are now, it is learned being taken up by the H.K. General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and it is hoped that arrangements will be possible whereby regulations affecting trade between the Colony and other parts of the Empire will be leniently interpreted.

DISCUSSION AT S.C.A.

Yesterday morning Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Union, visited the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and discussed the problem with him.

It is understood that a combined meeting of manufacturers and hongs will take place on January 6 at the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce for similar discussions. Representatives of Chinese commercial bodies have been appointed to see the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on the same subject.

The Hong Kong Weavers' Union has called a meeting for to-morrow.

NEW CAMP FOR SOLDIER INTERNEES

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

THE NEW CHINESE SOLDIERS' INTERNMENT CAMP IN ARGYLE STREET HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND IT IS PROPOSED TO TRANSFER THE SOLDIERS FROM MATAUCHUNG VERY SHORTLY.

The new camp consists of a semi-concrete building with a large recreation ground.

It was constructed by the Hong Kong Government and the Chinese Government, the latter subscribing $100,000 in Chinese national currency.

Mr. Hsu Shi-ying, former Chinese Ambassador to Japan, and the Hon Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, Hong Kong, were instrumental in obtaining assistance from the Chinese Government.

ARMED ROBBERY HAUL AT SHEUNGSHUI

An unnumbered hut in Chau Lung Village, Sheungshui, was raided by six men, armed with revolvers, a bout 8 a.m. yesterday.

The occupants, Ng Yick-ming and 14 others were held in the kitchen, while the robbers ransacked the house.

The then stayed for about half an hour, and escaped with $1,703 in Hong Kong currency; $1,512 in Chinese money, and a quantity of jewellery.

SEVERE JAPANESE CASUALTIES

Chungking, Yesterday.

The Japanese have suffered between 6,000 and 7,000 casualties as a result of the new Chinese offensive in central and north Hupeh.

The Japanese communication lines have been destroyed.—Central News.

Calendars have been received from the Asia Company, J. M. da Rocha and Co., the Sun Life Insurance Company and Messrs. John Dickinson.

IRON AND STEEL FOUNDRY FOR H.K.

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Hong Kong will soon have an iron and steel foundry, provided plans of overseas Chinese businessmen materialise, the "Sunday Herald" learns reliably.

It is proposed, the "Sunday Herald" was informed yesterday, to establish an iron and steel works with a capital of $10,000,000.

The Chinese Government has promised to subscribe $5,000,000 provided the other half is put up by the business men of Singapore, French Indo-China, the Philippines and America, who are interested in the scheme.

The works will be built near Tsuin Wan on the mainland, or outside the city on the island, and some 1,000 workmen will be employed, besides experts from England and America.

XMAS GIFT TO CAMPS

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

As a Christmas gesture, the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce have presented inmates of the King's Park, Matauchung and North Point Refugee Camps, with warm clothing.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday received acknowledgment of the gifts from the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, who expressed the gratitude of the inmates.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. N. WONG

The funeral of Mrs. Winnie Wong, who died at her Essex Crescent residence yesterday morning after a short illness, will take place this afternoon, the cortège leaving for the Kowloon Chinese Christian Cemetery at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Wong was the wife of Mr. James N. Wong, of Gande, Price and Co., and leaves two sons and a daughter. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Chan Kai-ming.

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The Cafe de Luxe Restaurant remains open as usual to-morrow.

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PRIVATE FACES IN PUBLIC PLACES

Expert In Realm of Beauty

MR. Jack B. Mier is in the enviable position of being completely absorbed in the task of making beautiful women more beautiful. As sales manager "for the world" of the Max Factor company, he occupies a key position in one of America's biggest industries, the cosmetic business. Having flown in by Clipper plane this week, he is in Hong Kong to see that the women here are made conscious of the effects of beauty aids.

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AS Lin Yutang, in this "The Importance of Living," ruled, "The ideal woman for me is one who loves her cosmetics along with her mathematics, and who is more feminine than feminist. Let them have their cosmetics, and if they still have energy left, as Confucius would say, let them play with mathematics also." Mr. Mier says that women must not only be provided with beauty aids but also with the knowledge of how to apply them intelligently and to their best advantage. Make-up is an art, and is too often abused and applied in a botched-up or hasty manner.

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"TAKE the pencil you are holding," he said to one. "In the hands of a baby, it would be useless. It could produce only scrawls and meaningless scribbling. Put it in the hand of a veteran foreign correspondent, let us say, and it becomes an instrument of tremendous significance. Many women are as lacking in cosmetic intelligence as the baby in writing and language intelligence.

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IN a person's eyes is concentrated 90 per cent. of his facial expression. The remaining 10 per cent. is centred around the mouth. Let any person close his eyes, and observe how much expression is left in the face. The woman of the past and a few women of the present forget or ignore this, with the result that they smear their lips and large glowing spots on their cheeks, which according to Mr. Mier, looks "like an automobile coming down the street with two big headlights and a horn."

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TO the cosmetician, there are two basic types from which all the others have sprung. Without any attempt to delve into racial theories, Hitlerian or otherwise, Mr. Mier terms these two opposites "Gallic" and "Nordic." The Gallic type is darkish, with black hair, dark eyes, comparatively short. The Nordic type is fairer, with blonde hair, blue eyes, comparatively taller. These are, in cosmetician language, "pure" types, and lie at either end of a long line. Between these extremes, are all the redhead, the ashbrown blonde, etc. Fully half of women today are near the centre and should more or less accurately be termed "brownettes."

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COSMETICS used in the East do not differ one particle from those in use in England and America. Naturally, the facial commodities purchased in Hong Kong by Chinese women must harmonize with their particular dark-haired, olive-skinned needs, but the same cosmetics are used by women in England or America who possess the same type of complexion. Mr. Mier related a story of a woman in Japan, who was highly insulted when informed she had an "olive" skin, indignantly protesting that she wasn't greenish-looking at all!

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MRS. Mildred West, wife of T. M. West, the Far Eastern representative of Max Factor Studios, is to open free make-up classes in Hong Kong in a few weeks. Asked how he happened to enter the cosmetics business, Mr. Mier shook his head. "I'm not quite sure," he said. "I used to be an automobile salesman."

Changing China

A symbol of changing China, Miss Louise J. L. Lee is engaged in an occupation that would have been considered outrageous for the daughter of cultured parents not many years ago. For she is a doctor, serving the needs of her war-torn country in the interior. In Hong Kong only the other day, Miss Lee is now at Kweiyang, where she is Chief of the Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of the Hsiang-Ya Medical College hospital.

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SHE was sitting in her office at Kweiyang last February, when Japanese planes began to drop tons of incendiary and demolition bombs uncomfortably close. She decided to evacuate and ran into the courtyard just as a bomb struck the room where she had been. The blast bowled her over, and a section of the wall sagged outwards, and plunked with a crash, just missing her. Miraculously, she escaped without a scratch.

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THIS incident is typical of her rapidly-flowing life during the past few years. The medical college at which she teaches was stationed at Changsha, until the nearness of the hostilities forced the authorities to move it.

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"PHYSICIANS are relatively scarce in China," she pointed out. "There are far too few to serve the needs of her millions. So training schools and medical colleges must be set up in as many places as possible, to teach medical practice to China's youth. The average doctor, smothered by the huge increase in injuries and ailments due to the war, can take care of about 50 cases by himself during a full day. But, using trained workers as 'hands' to carry out his orders, doctor can easily take care of several hundred cases daily."

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ONE of China's most pressing medical problems, Miss Lee pointed out, is how to regulate and correct the ubiquitous diet deficiency of the people. In South China, the basic food is rice, too much of which—coupled with an absence of enough green vegetables, fruit and meat—produces most of China's dietary diseases, besides contributing to a weakened resistance in combating many another disease. There is no balance. Another deficiency which must be overcome in the future, Miss Lee emphatically states, is the lack of milk, especially for young children and mothers, although the huge consumption of eggs by the people somewhat helps to balance the scale.

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MISS Lee studied in America, and has been stationed, among other places, at a large Philadelphia hospital, where she was a resident doctor. She is planning to go back, where the conflict is over, and her services are not as desperately needed. "Americans should take life more easily," she says. "They rush around far too much. I remember that many times a party of us would leave at about six in the evening, drive at a breakneck speed for over an hour to some small charming inn in the country, then bolt down our food in as little time as possible, so that we could ride back as fast as we could. We hurried merely for the sake of hurrying, and not because we had necessarily to get to any particular place at a certain time."

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NEW York is her favourite city, but besides the pleasures of travel, she remembers sadly her great pangs of homesickness. Although

June Orr, one of the winners in the children's sports at the K.B.G.C. last Saturday.

Miss Lee speaks English with scarcely a trace of an accent, she desperately wanted to speak to someone in Chinese. "It was Christmastime, and everyone except I seemed to be so happy and gay. But on Chrisimas eve, I met by accident a friend whom I hadn't seen for years, and we chatted in Chinese like a couple of very homesick magpies far into the night."

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WITH black evenly-cut hair, the strands of which she smooths away from her face when she tosses her head, she looks much more like a freshman pupil at the college than an experienced doctor and teacher. Travelling in the interior, she characteristically dresses in khaki riding-breeches, a loose shirt, and comfortable boots. Small and gentle, she can be as stern as any headmistress when occasion demands.

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MISS Lee believes that the Chinese as a people are individualistically inclined, and that there is a constant struggle between the co-operative team-work necessary in wartime, and the spirit of individualism, of every man for himself. "Many Chinese students, who studied and gained honours abroad, have returned to China to find that they could not do well. This is because they have been trained in England or America, where everything is so well organised, and where their work can be smoothly co-ordinated. In China, they find a great deal less organisation, and have to begin their work from the ground-floor."

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SHE travels a good deal over mountainous roads which, seen from above, look like a childish scrawl on a relief map. But she likes to travel thus, and never fails to point out the contrast between her life now not only as a doctor, but also as a woman journeying from province to province unaccompanied, and the secluded sheltered life women led fifty years ago.

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SIMILARLY, she thinks that the inexperienced foreign observer, who most likely has been raised in relatively pampered comfort, must not look at China as it is to-day, and turn away. He must look at it in perspective; not seeing simply vice of their country, many of bad roads, dirt, lack of proper sanitation, disease—as such, and nothing more. He must instead look back at what was ten or twenty or thirty or fifty years ago, and at what is being done now, and look forward to what will be ten ten or twenty years from now. This, she thinks, is not merely one viewpoint: it is the only view to take.

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FOR instance, she illustrates, here is a road. Five years ago, there was no road at all. Maybe ten years from now, this road will be paved, straightened out, the various defects (some produced by the haste of war) corrected. Here is a hospital. Five years ago, there was no hospital. Ten years from now, able, better equipped and staffed, and capable of holding more people. It is in this way that foreigners should view China.

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MISS Lee has many friends, most of whom could to classed as "intellectuals," serving in one occupation or another with the Chinese forces. She notes with pleasure the way in which they have responded to the call of the "united front," and have rallied to the service of their country, many of them giving up easeful luxury for a life of danger and hardship.

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Champagne Exuberance

IF you are one of the merry-makers to celebrate the holiday season at the Peninsula Hotel, you will notice the striking murals in the Rose Room, depicting a bevy of other merrymakers; some of whom are not quite so merry, like the man with the headsplitting hangover shown at one corner of a picture. The paintings, as a whole, are animated by the same whole-hearted zest for life, the same champagne-bubble exuberance, the same warmth and friendliness as the man who executed them, Mr. Alex Krilovsky, who so well known in the Colony, that many a person has suggested that he should be given the title and position of Official Greeter.

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KRILOVSKY is known for other decorative work in Hong Kong: for instance, the large mural above the bar at the Peninsula Hotel, with its "round the world" motif. It possible because of a natural flair, for he has never studied art in his life, and paints from memory and imagination. Born in Russia, he was raised in Vladivostok. He was educated at Khabrovsk, at a school which only sons of ranking military officers could attend. He played in the school orchestra, starting first with the drums, which he banged into with such spirit that they gave him a trombone instead. He has also played the trumpet in various orchestras. His sister is Katherine Orlowskaya, prima donna of the Shanghai light opera group. For some years now, he has been associated with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels.

Children enjoying themselves at the Christmas Party given by members of the K.B.G.C. Gillian Atkins, on the chute, was second in the Wee Tots Race, for children under four.

PERSONALIA

Miss Mimi Lau, daughter of a Chinese Government Official, formerly in local Chinese journalism, has given up her journalistic career for the screen.

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Mr. Richard Lim, formerly well-known as a barrister-at-law in Hong Kong, has arrived in the Colony with his family from Singapore. Mr. Lim intends to spend Christmas and New Year holidays here.

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Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Director of the Royal Observatory, and Mrs. Jeffries, returned to the Colony from home leave on Thursday.

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Mr. J. Revie, of Kowloon Docks, was among the passengers in a crowded P. and O. liner from Europe this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillard are back from England.

LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

by Esther

There will be those of you who have left everything until the last minute. You will have found that while Christmas is well taken care of, you have forgotten to get yourself that new evening frock for New Year. Another week to go, and in your mad scramble to get yourself one you may feel tempted to accept the first one that meets with your approval. You will do nothing of the kind, if Esther can help you—and she can with a few helpful suggestions culled from last week's prowls about town. At MRS. WILLY'S, for instance, she came across a striking gown in that now red you are going to hear so much about. It's called Signal Red, and is combined with a jacket of gold embroidery, which will serve you on those occasions when "dress" is optional. Equally exciting is a black crepe combined with Signal Red. This time it appears in a quilted jacket of velvet, and a wide cummerbund which trims the waist. Peacock blue taffeta for those who go in for romance. This frock is a heavenly affair with tailored rope trimming its scalloped hem, and pink gardenias massed on the bodice. This shop is open all day to-day, so make a note of the address—Room 103, Bank of East Asia Building.

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Your search for an exceptionally good-looking woollen suit should take you to the Ladies' Salon of LANE, CRAWFORDS, where a limited number of Matita originals stand out proudly from anything you have ever seen. The early bird is going to get the pick of the lot—a Cherry angora jacket with trick stitched pockets over a pleated skirt of navy blue. This combination in itself is enough to cause you to enthuse, but when it is linked with a ribbed silk waistcoat of "baby" blue—lady, you've got something there! Next in line is a modish suit of grey stripes on black, featuring the new Lismine yarn. Cloth tab fastenings trim the jacket front, matching the finely pleated black skirt. Clever striping runs rampant through several models. There is, for instance, a grey suit alternating regiments of gold, black, white and brick-red stripes. The gold and brick-red are given prominence by the addition of a crepe scarf in these two colours. Reasonable, in case you want to know, and we arrive at this conclusion after weighing its beauty, exclusiveness and serviceableness.

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The dictionary says, colic is a disease attended with severe pain . . . and since we are sure no mother would wish such suffering for her child, we rush in with the suggestion that WATSON'S BABY WATER be kept in the house. In fact, if there's a baby in the house, you can't afford to be without WATSON'S BABY WATER. Colic is very prevalent among tiny tots, especially during the warmer months. It is caused through griping indigestion, acidity, wind or flatulence . . . but WATSON'S BABY WATER will soon put matters right. It soothes the pain instantly. How can you tell when your child has colic. Well, babies have one way of letting you know their troubles, and we have never known it to fail yet. They give vent to their lungs! WATSON'S BABY WATER is made by WATSON'S, Sold at WATSON'S, and all other leading dispensaries in town.

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It is one thing to buy a musical instrument, and another thing to find someone who will repair it. THE PETER MUSIC COMPANY not only will, but can, and offer you the entire resources of their repair department-run by experts. Here, every type of musical instrument from mouth organs to grand pianos are given every care and attention. Run-down radios are nursed as tenderly as human beings, and are only discharged when certified absolutely fit. Pianos which sound a false note are given new chords—and even a set of new wind pipes is on the menu for organs that have run themselves a trifle breathless. Not a feature of the service has been omitted, and the cost is almost negligible compared with the work they do. Aside from repairing instruments, PETER'S keep themselves busy selling Hohner's piano-accordions, Zenith radios, President pianos, gramophone records and a long line of impressive music makers. You'll find this enterprising firm at 30-32 Des Voeux Road.

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To anyone suffering under the burden of a troublesome stomach it is always interesting to read how others have gained relief. Here is a letter from one whose livelihood itself was threatened by weeks of pain. His joy at the quick freedom that Maclean Brand Stomach Powder gave him is easy to understand.
"I feel I should write you," says Mr. E. G., "to say what a marvellous product Maclean Brand Stomach Powder is. I am out in all weathers in the early morning, and have been suffering very badly for several weeks with stomach disorders and gastric trouble. I bought one bottle of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder and within five minutes found relief. Within two days all signs of the trouble had gone. I have never gone through so much pain before, but now, thanks to Maclean Brand Stomach Powder, I have no fear."
Your stomach pain will vanish just as surely if you take a few doses of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder in milk or water. It neutralises excess acidity, gently disperses wind, removes impurities, and restores digestion. It must be MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder with the signature "ALEX C. MACLEAN" on bottle and carton—your safeguard against substitution.
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Here's Luck!
EWO BEER

AT
Repulse Bay Hotel

ROYAL SCOTS Dance Orchestra — Christmas Eve Carnival, 24th December, 9 p.m. — 2 a.m.
By kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C. and Officers. — Christmas Day Tiffin Concert, 25th December, 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
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By the Rt. Hon.

ARTHUR GREENWOOD,

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House Of Commons

I imagine that numbers of people are wondering about the real state of affairs in Germany. Whatever Hitler may do in the way of warlike operations, behind the Siegfried Line lie the people of Germany on whom in the last resort the results of the war will depend.

What are they thinking? We must look back to the past. Hitler came to power. He trampled down every manifestation of freedom in Germany. He ruthlessly destroyed the democratic forces. His political opponents in the Social Democratic Party and the Communist Party were slaughtered or interned in concentration camps, or they went abroad to carry on their activities. He stole the funds of the Trade Union and Co-operative movements.

A Profound Mistake

Hitler believed that he was on top of the world. He thought he had brought to heel every force against him in Germany. He made a profound mistake.

It is true that he annexed Austria. It is true that he swallowed the Sudetenland of Czecho-Slovakia. It is true that after the rape of Czecho-Slovakia, he marched into Memelland. It is also true that, bloated with the results of his own exploits, and filled with the lust of his own ambition, he marched on Poland.

Hitler had succeeded by bold, swift and diplomatic strokes in enslaving millions of people. His glorious "victories" were trumpeted forth in Germany and were accepted by the British Government as accomplished facts. I do not doubt that after their great "victories" masses of German people, more especially the younger generation, felt that Hitler was the master of the world.

He had enlarged the German Reich. He had brought into an unwilling embrace people of German origin in Austria and in Czecho-Slovakia. He had done more. He had begun to fulfil the hopes of those who believed in the Greater Germany. He pursued his ambitions to the East. Poland became his prey.

The Blow

Then war fell upon Hitler, from the west—unexpected by the German people. The vast preparations which he had made were brought into play. But in the interval the people of Germany, who had been deprived of the fundamentals of liberty, had been also deprived of some of the necessities of life. The order of the day was "guns before butter."

But the war was on. What are the German people thinking now? I do not pretend to know. There are, however, certain undeniable facts.

The first is the ridiculous and nonsensical character of the German wireless. It issues the most fantastic statements in German and in English. Its broadcasts in English are to-day Britain's cheapest form of entertainment. No Government sure of itself would depend to such depths of inanity. The only reason for such exhibitions is anger and fear.

The second fact is the growing dislike in the neutral world of German methods of warfare, and an increasing conviction, born long before the war—that dictatorship must not continue.

Growing Feeling Of Apprehension

I do not suppose that the people of Germany are aware of these facts. I assume that they believed the "Ark Royal" was destroyed. I imagine that the German radio and press are brimming over with marvellous German exploits.

But though Hitler may feed an otherwise hungry people on words and promises of things to come, there is a growing feeling of apprehension. Hitler has not struck, as he might have done, because he fears the effect of our counterstroke. He is not certain in his own mind that the people would quietly submit to the mighty onslaught of the Allies.

Hitler may have trained the German youth, but their parents are beyond this control. They have been browbeaten into silence, and their children goose-step and swear allegiance to the Fuehrer. Hitler has subdued Austria and Czecho-Slovakia. By sheer force he has pressed millions of people into his service. But in these two countries he has created deep hatred. Though he may have taken over their munition works and other factories, though he may have commandeered the fruits of the soil, he cannot command their loyalty. For loyalty is a free gift and never a forced loan.

The Yoke Of Tyranny

So, as I look upon Germany to-day, I feel that Hitler does not fight with a united people behind him. There are still in Germany—and outside it—large numbers of determined men and women to whom freedom is the breath of life. There are in Austria, in Czecho-Slovakia and in Poland—all now under the iron heel of Hitler, millions of men and women who prefer liberty to subservience, and who look forward to the day when they will throw off the yoke of tyranny.

What then is Germany to-day? It is a people waiting to be given the SH—Out of the Ruins of Hitlerism—2 opportunity of liberating itself. There are privileged classes in Germany, despite Hitler's so-called "National Socialism", there are the highly privileged members of the Nazi Party, but there are millions more who wish to live their own lives, who hate suppression, and who bitterly resent the intrusion of the Gestapo into their private lives. To-day they cannot speak. To-day they cannot act. But as the pressure from without increases, and as distress and disillusionment from within grows, and when it is realized that the power of the established western democracies will certainly destroy the upstart dictator, the German people will hail the possibility of seeking their own salvation.

Death Knell Of Dictatorship

When that happens, Hitler's day will end. We may resist Hitlerism, but we cannot destroy it. It must be for its victims, with all our good will and all the effective power we can command, to assert their human rights.

Britain and France are wasting their resources and sacrificing their man power, partly for their own defence, but primarily in order that the people of dictatorship states may be enabled to declare for liberty.

The war will be won, and final peace established, when over the ruins of Hitlerism the German people become the allies of the democracies, and by their decision sound the death knell of Dictatorship.

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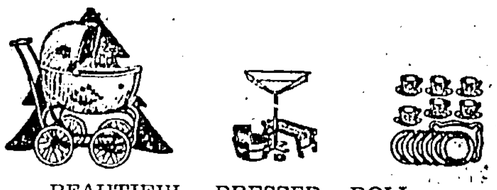

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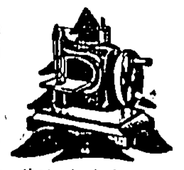

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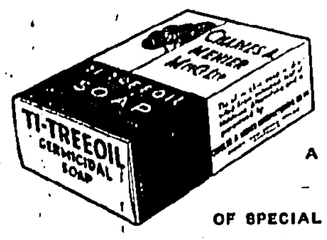

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CAP NORTE IN BRITAIN

London, Yesterday.

The German steamer, Cap Norte, captured nearly a month ago by a British destroyer in the vicinity of the West Indies, has been brought into a British port by her prize crew.—Reuter.

HAAS AND NEW YORK MURDER

New York, Yesterday.

It is revealed in connection with the Toronto arrest, as a material witness, of Ernie Haas, the 23-year-old prize-fighter, following investigations into the Engelberg murder, that New York police have been searching for him for more than a fortnight.

At one time during the hunt, it is reported, he promised to surrender to the police provided they promised not to "third-degree" him.

He telephoned the offer to Benny Freedman, owner of the gymnasium where he trained.

Walter Winchell, the Broadway columnist, obtained an assurance from the N. Y. Police Commissioner, Mr. Louis Valentine, and the guarantee was broadcast.

Haas' nerve, however, seems to have failed him and he fled to Canada, where he was arrested in Toronto.

"GIANT" IN FLAT

He is believed to have vital information regarding the murder of Dr Walter Engelberg, alleged Director of the Nazi spy and propaganda ring in the United States.

He is thought to know the name of the "giant" who was Engleberg's guest the night before the murder. The German Legation has declined to take a close interest in the case.—Our Own Correspondent.

U. S. NAVY ORDER

New York, Yesterday.

The United States Navy has given an order for £5,000,000 for the supply of aircraft, to the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Washington, Yesterday.

Dissatisfied with the trouble and uncertainty resulting from application of the Neutrality Law, foreign traders have begun agitation for outright repeal of the act when Congress reconvenes in January.

All agencies concerned have been trying to clarify the essential terms of the act with respect to practical day-to-day business, but the result has been only that the act continues a source of extreme difficulty for all exporters.

What they want now, according to their spokesmen, is outright repeal, or at least, radical modification of its chief provisions.

Foreign trade spokesmen predict that soon they will have developed broad support for their demand that Congress alter the measure to permit American ships to carry cargo to any place in the European war zone upon the agreement of shipowners and traders that such voyages will be entirely at their own risk.

Such an agreement, they state, would free the United States Government from any danger of being involved in any disputes with belligerents over the sinkings or seizures of American vessels.

Exporters claim that the American vessels now barred from combat zones are an important part of the transatlantic service to these ports and will be increasingly missed as the war goes on.

Before long bottoms will be lacking to carry vital materials overseas and exorbitant prices will have to be paid for chartered tonnage to carry normal peacetime goods to ports abroad.

BLOCKADE PROTESTS

Another source of difficulty is said to be the fact that the law requires title on goods to be vested in foreign ownerships before passing out to high seas. But by an oversight this was made to apply only to exports from American shores to Europe, and not to imports from Europe.

Goods bought by American importers in Europe are usually paid for over there, with the result that they are American goods when shipped. Thus, goods purchased in Germany become subject to the Allied export blockade, and this fact has already brought protests to the State Department by American importers.—Havas.

TYRES BULLETS CANNOT BURST

London, Yesterday.

A bullet-proof tyre is now being used by the Army for their supply, scout and armoured cars.

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MEMORY OF QUALITY

As someone has said, "The memory of quality remains long after the price is forgotten". Quality implies economy, for it is only the quality article which gives lasting satisfaction and the fullest value for money spent.

The highest award by the Institute of Hygiene is the Blue Seal Certificate. This is held by only a few firms and they rightly pride themselves upon receiving it. There is only one tonic food beverage awarded this certificate and that is Ovaltine.

The quality of this tonic food beverage is the reason for its success in other ways. It has gained the complete confidence of the medical profession and it is the daily beverage in countless thousands of homes.

DRIVE AGAINST REDS IN FRANCE

Paris, Yesterday.

The French Government has renewed its drive against Communists, and a large number of militant Communists, including 100 in Paris and Toulouse, have been arrested.

Seven others were arrested for distributing Communist tracts, and a Communist municipal council in one district was suppressed. — Reuter.

FORTH MYSTERY SOLVED

London, Yesterday.

Military investigations have cleared up the mystery of an incident which led to a belief that an attempt had been made to bomb the Forth Bridge.

The suspected "bomb" was merely a length of film, thrown out of a carriage window after having caught alight.

As a train from Dundee to Glasgow was slowly approaching the southern end of the bridge a flaming object was seen to fall. It burned for some moments on a building 60ft. below, and then fizzled out.

Passengers who alighted at Dalmeny said that the train was stopped and a soldier visited each compartment and made inquiries.

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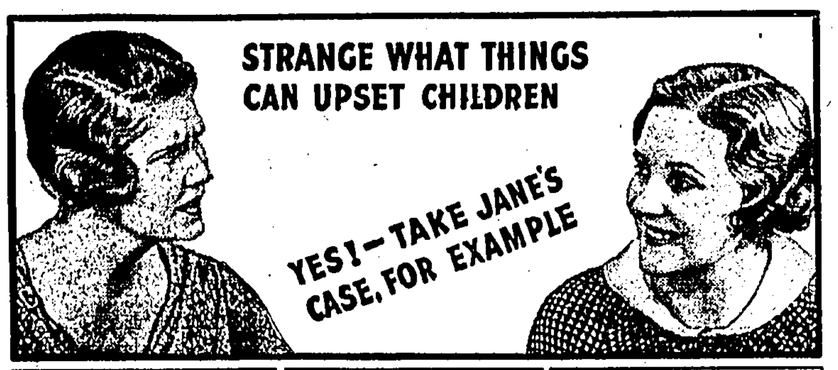

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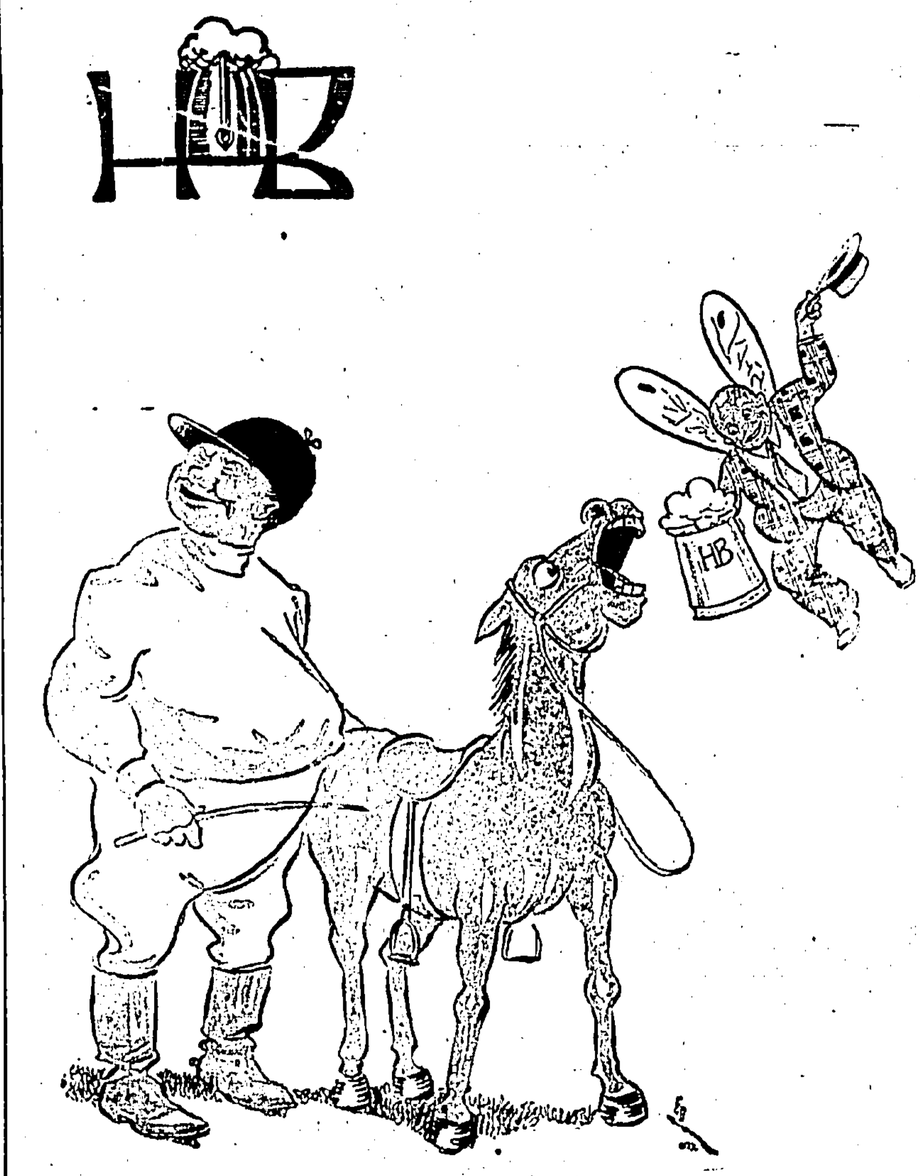

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Our Hackney Wick correspondent states that the five German families who were sent to Holland last month for a similiar purpose have now been recalled, and lent to the Soviet Government for use in Finland.

GERMANS ALL DEAD.

From the number of people who have written to the Press saying that they have been trying the officially recommended German diet, and cannot live on it, it may now be safely assumed that the population of Germany has by this time starved to death, and the war is practically over.

PEACE TERMS DEPARTMENT.

The attention of the Committee for the Liquidation of Mental Confusion has been drawn to an alleged discrepancy, hiatus or flaw in current official statements of Peace Terms.

One speaker, it is pointed out, will say: "The British Government will discuss peace when the German Government gives convincing assurances of good faith."

Another speaker, or possibly the same speaker, will say: "The British Government has no faith in the German Government's assurances."

The question has been raised—Does this mean that the British Government refuses to discuss peace terms?

The answer (states the C. for L. of M.C.) is: No. It means that the British Government will not hold any communication with the present German Government, but that if the German people care to turn out their present Government and set up another, the British Government will communicate with it, on condition that its testimonials are satisfactory.

In order, however, to avoid unnecessary delay in the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the German people are advised, before proceeding to make the necessary change, to give the British Government some rough idea of the kind of Government they propose to set up.

It must be clearly understood that if the new Government were Communist, the British Government would not consider this a change for the better, and would be compelled to continue the status quo ante switch.

In regard to the question—"When may the German people be expected to effect the necessary change of Government," the Sub-Committee for Recording Propaganda Reactions appointed by the Central Propaganda Committee of the Ministry of Information estimates that this may occur any time from a fortnight to fifteen years.

It is generally agreed, says the Sub-Committee, that the only effective way of inducing a people to dislike its Government is to drop bombs on them; just as the best way to make a man desert his wife and family is to throw stones at his windows.

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THIS is the Yaffle Broadcasting Service and Hygienic Hip-reducer.

Before proceeding to give you the news of the false air raid warning at Devizes last Saturday afternoon, here is an S O S:—

Will Major-General Amelia Anne Spigott, last seen pushing German tanks into the Rhine, go at once to 15, Laburnum-avenue, Putney, where she left the gas on under the prunes.

WAR AIMS SECTION.

The Committee for the Liquidation of Mental Confusion has been called to the diversity of opinion regarding the exact meaning of the phrase which is now of standard use in official statements of war aims: "To create a new and better world order."

The Central Propaganda Committee of the Ministry of Information announces that 167,000 different interpretations of this phrase have been recorded up to date, embracing all the social, political and economic theories of the last 100 years and a large number of new ones.

The work of sifting and classification is now proceeding, and the Committee hopes to formulate a Composite Interpretation to be incorporated into the final edition of the Statement of War Aims not later than January, 1944.

Messrs. Duff Cooper and Harry Pollitt will now sing, "Till I have built Jerusalem."

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THE attention of the Director of the Department for the Maintennnce of the National Morale has been called to the following paragraph in a leading article in the "Daily Express":—

"The Ministry of Food should be abolished."

In view of the fact that normal peace-time methods of distributing food had resulted in 50 per cent. of the population being ill-nourished, the Director of the Department is of opinion that such statements are likely to encourage the enemy in the belief that the British nation is failing to pieces in its socks.

He, therefore, suggests that in order to prevent any further inculcation of optimism in the enemy's camp, all leading articles of the journal in question should in future be submitted to the Department for revision before publication.

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THIS is the Yaffle British and Foreign News Exchange and Matrimonial Agency.

A German news bulletin states that such is the shortage of essential foodstuffs in Britain that many of the public houses of entertainment are closed between 2.30 and 6 o'clock.

Our Berlin correspondent (who is disguised as an empty slot-machine)

reports that such is the spread of civil discontent in that city that fifteen prominent Nazi leaders have been missed by bombs.

Next Week: Another 750 German Generals shot. Mutiny in German army. Goering reported killed in duel. Five more bombs miss Hitler. War Council meeting ends in riot. Admiral hits Goebbels on nose. 1,500 U-boats refuse to sail. Another 5,000 German anti-Reds comminterned. War still more over. Order your copy now!

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'COR LUVA DUCK

THERE will now be a short interval for considering the future inheritance of the earth.

Now that Man appears finally to have decided to get rid of himself, the question arises: *Which creature will take his place?*

Not lightly have I assumed that such is Man's intention. The evidence is, however, unhappily conclusive. Clearly, his mind is set upon handing in his dinner pail.

Having discovered that a war to end war makes more war, he then undertakes another war to end war. There is something circular about the process. The mind of man has obviously reached the recurring decimal stage.

Seeking an explanation of this phenomenon, one is reminded that those whom the gods wish to liquidate they first cause to run round in circles.

Interviewed by our representative, the gods said they much regretted having to make this decision. They had entertained great hopes of man. They had given him every chance. They forgave him the internal combustion engine. They excused mass production. They were prepared to overlook the automobile. But the aeroplane—well, you know, really...!

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There are, in fact, signs that Man, intent upon his extinction, has been making some efforts to appoint a successor.

It is significant that in recent years society's concern for animal welfare has increased with the extent of man's preparations for mutual offbumping.

With the growing realisation that sound economics, patriotism, and the national interest prevent them from looking after each other, human beings have shown an increasingly tender regard for the beasts.

Further, as man's estimate of his individual importance has declined with the spread of Totalitarian doctrines, his respect for quadrupedal status has proportionately risen. Claims for equal status with humans have long been made for dogs, and the belief in their immortality is widespread in Protestant countries.

A dog-lover's magazine before me contains advertisements of a dogs' maternity home, with central heating. In it, also, a spiritualist claims to have evidence that "her friends over there" are looking after her little Peko for her. "He went over 18 months ago," she says.

The journal also quotes a poem about a dying man's dog waiting for him in heaven: ". . . . The little dog-angel's eager bark will comfort his soul in the shivering dark."

Immortal barking may somewhat modify one's expectations of eternal bliss, but it throws important light upon the question of the relative importance of man and beast.

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Apart from this progressive raising of animal status, we may note signs of animals' welfare being advanced at the expense of human beings. I will take as an example the case of the Oryctolagus Curiculus, sometimes known as the Rabbit.

A firm founded four years ago for the purpose of "eliminating the rabbit menace from the countryside" is now in liquidation, owing to the falling off of orders since last year's crisis. The moral is clear: All the forces of modern destruction are required for human beings, the need for whose extinction is more urgent than that of rodents.

I could quote many other examples of how animal welfare improves as that of human beings declines. There are no limits to the possible extension of the process. As the war proceeds, and the value of human life cheapens, we may confidently expect a public protest against the wanton cruelty of Rat Weeks. From this it will be a short step to the demand for a more humane treatment of insects.

I foresee an announcement by the Secretary of the Be Kind to Insects League that a committee is to go on a tour of inspection of working-class houses to study on the spot the treatment of beetles.

"There is reason to suspect," she will say, "that unrestrained barbarity is everywhere being displayed in the ruthless killing of these happy and harmless creatures. It is evident that there exists between the housewife and the cockroach none of that happy spirit of co-operation and companionship which marks the relation of the Englishman and his horse or dog. If, as is sometimes argued, the presence of beetles interferes with the housewife's culinary operations, why cannot every house have an extra kitchen?" This, I say, is only a matter of time.

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I never imagined that such claims would stop short at creatures that move on legs. It, therefore, caused me no surprise when a Bermondsey gardener was recently quoted in the Press as announcing that "Flowers Have Souls."

It cannot be long before somebody will write in a gardening paper that her friends are watering her last year's antirrinhums for her on the Other Side.

I cannot say whether the immortality of vegetable matter will be formally conferred upon the edible herbs. It depends upon the answer to the old question: Do angels eat?

What pleasure would it be to know that our little onion-angels are being kept fresh for our welcoming salad on the Other Side, if we are to deprive them of eternal bliss as soon as we arrive? The very thought induces hiccups.

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Such speculations, however extended, bring us no nearer to identifying man's ultimate successor.

There is, however, at least one creature which has proved itself capable of carrying on, if necessary, with a form of interim government. That is the duck.

I read recently that motorists near Folkestone had to pull up while six ducks crossed the road. Five crossed at a leisurely pace, indifferent to the frenzied hooting.

The sixth stopped in the middle of the road and laid an egg.

The duck has, therefore, proved itself capable of dealing effectively with modern civilisation. It alone can take the first step that must be taken before the world can take a turn for the better.

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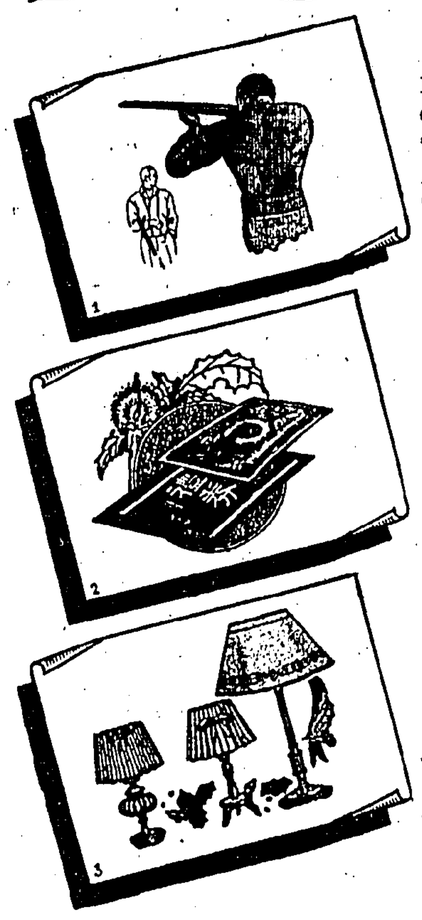

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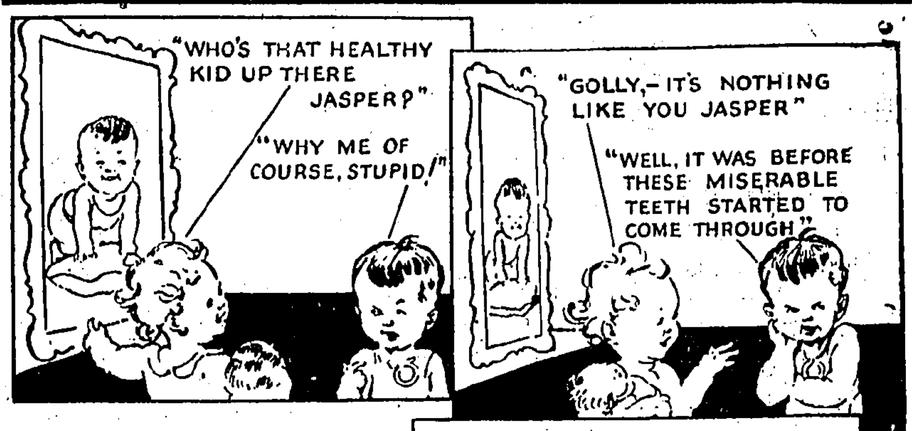

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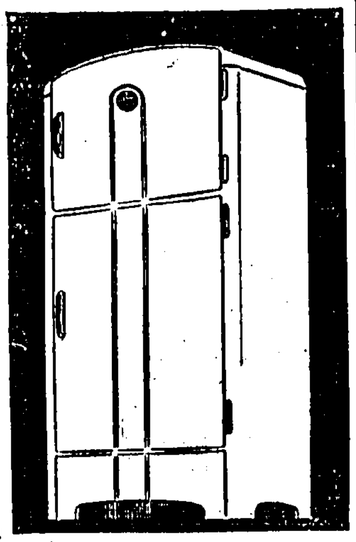

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CHRISTMAS & CALENDARS

CALENDARS are queer things. The ability to create one marked the beginnings of civilisation: to know and number days, to forecast the solstice and the times of ploughing, sowing, and reaping was skill of supreme value to the community. The seers who dealt in these matters and could properly counsel farmers and punctually arrange the feasts of the benignant and fertilising deities were men of great worth and rank. The watchers of the sun and moon, the enumerators of the days and hours, the men who certainly knew if and when the darkness would lift and the sun be a radiant nourisher once again were precious counsellors. Now it is a Christmas "giftie" and is only acceptable if thrown away with a budget of precepts or a portfolio of fine photography. Furthermore, it has become the small change of Christmas courtesy.

Traders greet the season and their patrons with a shower of calendars. If you do not get one from a tradesman, the small nephew will certainly oblige. After all, this business of the modest present, achievable out of children's pocket-money, is even more difficult than of old. Not long ago the small person might always fall back on a photograph frame. It could be cheap; it served a purpose. But nobody's sitting-room is bespattered now with small photographs and the piano-top has no longer a deposit of the substantial, old-style cabinet portraits. We take our "snaps" and put them in books or drawers. Frames are superfluous. So, for the smaller gift, when the "nest of ash-trays" has been decided against because Aunt Mary does not smoke, the calendar remains supreme.

The calendar belongs to that curious grade of goods which all possess and yet none ever purchases for his own use. How many set out, towards the New Year, and buy themselves "a nice calendar"? One calendar or another is fairly sure to come our way, along with diaries and engagement-books and all the useful things one never uses. (Anything, however, which serves as an easy choice for Christmas giving is useful indeed, saving hours of catalogue-gazing, head-scratching, shop-tramping, and other miseries of the season.) Again, when the calendar has been received and duly propped or suspended, how often is it actually used? In a room heavily equipped with calendars one finds oneself glancing at the day's paper if in doubt about the date. The Shakespeare calendar, with its 365 gems, would be unplucked did not some kindly hand occasionally bring it up to date and so remind us, for example, that

"Tis not enough to help the feeble up,
But to support him after.

which we may take to be cordial advice for Christmas, but costly.

THIS WEEK

Japan's gesture, announcing the re-opening of the Yangtse as far as Nanking, has resulted in some easing of the tension in relations between Japan on the one hand and the Allies and the United States on the other. There is no disposition to over-evaluate the importance of the decision. Nothing is known yet about the restrictions which the Japanese still regard as necessary; nor has sight been lost of the relative unimportance of that section of the river to be thrown open. Until normal river traffic can be restored as far, at least, as Hankow, third Power shipping cannot look to any substantial benefit. Nevertheless, it is important as representing the first Japanese concession on a vexed issue; and as such, it has been welcomed.

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Agreement Possible

The United States has responded (as reported in another page) by an Order which relieves Japanese goods of payment of additional duties in America, which would normally apply on expiry of the existing Trade Treaty next month. In short, Washington had decreed maintenance of the status quo in economic relations until it has been decided whether or not a new Treaty can be negotiated. Mr. Joseph Grew has had several meetings with Admiral Nomura, and it may safely be presumed that his reports to Washington on the nature and trend of the conversations were the primary justification for the American gesture. Real hope must be entertained by the Administration that an accommodation can be reached. There are issues it is known on which the United States is not prepared to compromise, and the Nomura-Grew discussions have been concerned chiefly with these special points. If, on this basis, formal negotiations between the United States and Japan prove possible, a wide improvement in the Far Eastern situation generally may be foreshadowed with some confidence.

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End of Graf Spee

The dramatic suspense which followed the naval action off the Uruguayan coast and the flight of the Admiral Graf Spee into Montevideo terminated ignominously in the scuttling of the pocket-battleship in the main fairway to the port. Comparison between this apparently cowardly act of suicide and the Rawalpindi episode was inevitably made. All the facts seem to confirm reports that Captain Hans Landsdorp acted against his own instinct and German naval tradition, on direct orders from Herr Hitler. He subsequently committed suicide and was buried with full naval honours. Commentary on the man was provided eloquently by the deep shock of his death in such circumstances caused among British seamen who had been his prisoners. Feeling about Herr Hitler's order was left undisturbed by the attempts of the Goebbels propaganda-factory to put a good face upon it.

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A Bad Week

It was altogether a bad week for Germany at sea. The submarine, H.M.S. Ursula, wriggled through the German minefields and sunk a cruiser of the Koeln class in the mouth of the Elbe, Germany's Scapa Flow. The full facts came to light of the exploits of another submarine, H.M.S. Salmon, which in the space of a few hours sunk a German U-boat and torpedoed two German cruisers, the Leipzig and the Bluecher. One at least is believed to have been sunk. To add to Herr Hitler's urgent need for an interval of solitude at Berchtesgaden came news of the scuttling of the 32,000-ton liner Columbus in the Atlantic to evade capture by a British destroyer which was quietly trailing her out of the "neutral zone."

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Attacks On Trawlers

In reply, the Nazis resorted to cold-blooded killing of non-combatant fishermen, by organised air attacks on trawlers. At least twenty of these small craft were bombed and machine-gunned by Germany's 'gallant' airmen, causing total loss of about six trawlers and casualties among the crews of the others. To justify the campaign, the Nazis first alleged that the trawlers were engaged as collectors of weather information, later changing the story and arguing that they were unable to distinguish between a mine-sweeper and a fishing trawler.

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Finland Hits Back

The gallant defence of Finland against the Red invasion has taken a dramatic turn. In the course of the week, the Soviet launched their heaviest attacks of the campaign on all fronts. The Mannerheim Line stood firm against terrific onslaughts. In the extreme north, superior numbers swept the Finnish defenders from their positions and the Red Army advanced over 50 kilometres. On the eastern front, also, the Red Army reached its furthest point west in the attempt to cut Finland in two across her so-called "wasp-waist." Both offensives, however, over-reached themselves and the Finns on Thursday and Friday counter-attacked with such success that the Russian retreats developed rapidly into a rout. While it is perhaps premature to draw too strong an inference from events, there is growing feeling that the Soviets have frittered their last chance of quick success, and that King Winter will preserve Finland's defences intact until next Spring, when the Red Army will face an entirely different proposition.

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Allied Aid

The Allied Supreme War Council in Paris concerned itself largely with the problem of the aid to be given to Finland and the decisions taken should give encouragement to Helsinki. Substantial shipments of war materials are to be arranged, quickly, and made available through Norway and Sweden. Hints have not been few that Germany will make another smash-and-grab raid this time into Scandinavia making a virtue out of her "living-space" programme as aid to her Communist ally. Such an event would, inevitably, create another Allied war front.

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Belgian Warning

The Belgian Premier, M. Spaak, made an interesting speech, serving to confirm the belief that Belgian intervention stopped a German invasion of Holland earlier this month. M. Spaak did not state directly that Belgium would co-operate fully with Holland if an attack was made upon the Netherlands. He merely stated that it would be unwise to assume that the Netherlands would be left to fight her own battle.

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China's Offensives

Chinese armies on several fronts are again biting hard at the Japanese military outposts and driving them in by tactics which are proving expensive in men and materials to Japan. Too much importance is not to be attached, at this stage, to the nature of the operations from the Chinese viewpoint. It is, nevertheless, significant that the Japanese preserve a strict reticence about the military position in China.

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Battle Of Ideas: By Gordon Schaffer

LABOUR IN WARTIME

SINCE war broke out more than two million men and women have secured or received a promise of increased wages. Unemployed, and possibly pensioners, are to obtain a small addition to their meagre income. The Minister of Labour has cheerfully prophesied a steep decline in unemployment.

This is good news, but it is the merest sugar to the pill. The reality is the grave threat by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that soon the impact of war will mean a severe cut in the standards of life of the people.

To ignore the deep-rooted social problems which this threat implies is a disservice both to the nation and the cause for which it fights. First, the main outline of the picture:—

Already £6,000,000 a day is being spent on the war. When the real offensive begins, when munitions are poured out on a scale far surpassing the last war, expenditure will climb to a level far beyond that of the last war.

To face this enormous strain, the nation begins the war, not as in 1914 with a national debt of £706 millions, but with a debt of £9,200 millions. Instead of paying a few millions a year in interest and debt charges, the taxpayer has to find no less than £230 million annually.

If, as in the last war, national indebtedness rises at the rate of more than £1,000 million a year, half the present revenue from taxation will soon be required to meet the cost of debt alone. Foreign securities worth thousands of millions have been mobilised to meet the cost of war purchases. Inevitably freight rates will rise, and in neutral markets the £ will buy fewer commodities.

The dynamic of social change has moved far more swiftly than the threatened "blitzkreig." Its tempo will increase.

Sir John's statement dismisses the argument that these burdens on the poor can be avoided by declaring that the problem cannot be avoided by "soaking the rich." He points to the fact that there are only about 10,000 persons with incomes over £10,000 a year, and that of their aggregate income of £160 million the State takes £120 million.

In these brief three months, during which all our worlds have been turned upside down, vast changes have already taken place. The Government has taken a measure of control over shipping, exports and raw materials. Some attempt has been made to prevent profiteering. By means of the scheme of reserved occupations, an effort has been made to allocate available man power between the demands of the Services and the needs of peace and war industries. All these measures indicate that the Government does not lack the will to take sweeping powers to meet the situation.

Mr. J. M. Keynes has attempted to meet the problem with his plan to cut consumption by imposing compulsory State saving on all but the very lowest incomes. Mr. Ernest Bevin and other Trade Union leaders have urged a check on further rises in living costs, by Government subsidies on articles of mass consumption. These two proposals, at least, face the facts that abnormal and sweeping measures are needed to deal with the emergency. Both have already been virtually rejected by the Government.

The Government, in effect, has no plan. In private conversations, the arguments of its supporters go further than Sir John Simon's statement. The mass of the people, they say, must suffer a cut in their standards of living, if for no other reason than the incapacity of a war economy to provide goods in proportion to the anticipated increases in wages. Soon we shall create the psychological conditions in which it will be more patriotic to appear in old clothes than to buy new ones.

It is not in the national interest (it is claimed) that the better paid workers should receive rises in wages. There should be an attempt to improve the standards of the bottom dog, possibly by some scheme of maintenance allowances, but, for the rest, the wage earners must be content to buy cheaper foods—margarine, for example, instead of butter. "Luxury" spending must be cut.

There is another solution, but it is not talked of by Big Business or the Government. The solution is the application of the Socialist method. It means a real mobilisation of the vast resources of British Capital.

It means a drastic levy on capital, further increases in death duties, steeper taxation of all unearned income over a modest figure, immediate taxation of land values. It means a real end to profiteering, so that not a penny is handled by arms contractors over the smallest margin. It means taking over by the State of war factories and plant now earning huge profits out of money provided by the taxpayer.

No one believes that the present Government would carry through such sweeping reforms. Yet it must be clear, even in the City of London, that if British financial strength is dissipated our greatest weapon against Hitlerism disappears.

It must be equally clear that industrial peace—of paramount importance to the winning of the war—will be maintained only if the men and women in the factories believe that they are receiving a square deal, and that the Government is fighting for the ideals which it professes.

British Capitalism is not immune from the march of economic forces. Repressive powers, beginning with the Trades Disputes Act and proceeding through many other measures to the recent emergency legislation, have not been put on the statute book without a definite purpose.

Will the present Government face the facts in time? Is it ready, at whatever cost to itself, to preserve the national unity essential to victory? Can sufficient vision and patriotism be expected from a House of Commons whose class basis has been exposed time after time? Is the great tradition of British Democracy mobilised to face all attacks from within, as well as from without?

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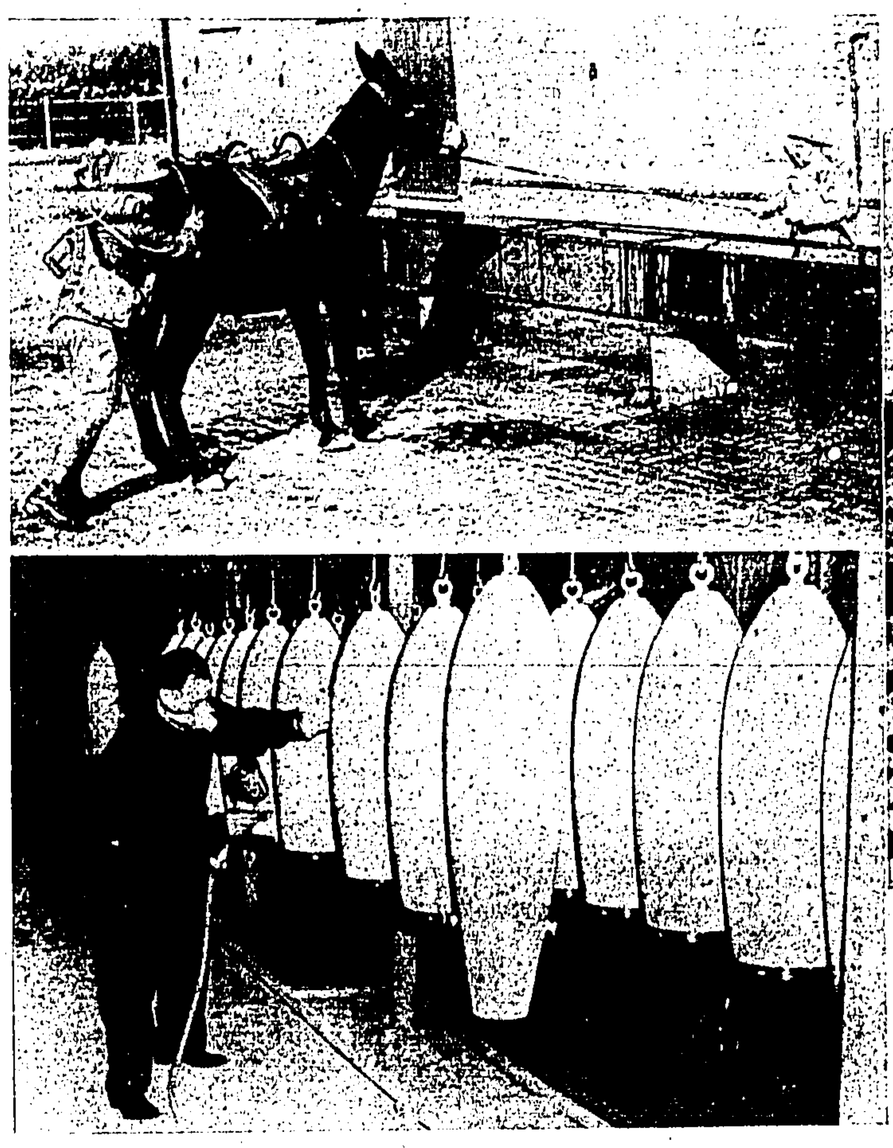

These scenes from London present two aspects of the war—the grim and the humorous. In the top left hand corner is a graphic illustration of the saying that you can take a horse to water, but you can't make it drink. Mechanisation of the Army has not meant the complete eclipse of that bugbear of the old soldier, the mule, and it would seem that stubbornness is still a very strong trait of this animal. At right is a sadder aspect of the war — a practice scene, but nonetheless realistic. It shows an A.R.P. Rescue Squad at work. While at left the grim work of munitions making goes on. "Somewhere in England" thousands of shells and bombs are being produced daily. While there are Swastikas over Europe there is preparedness at Home. *(Copyright, Fox).*

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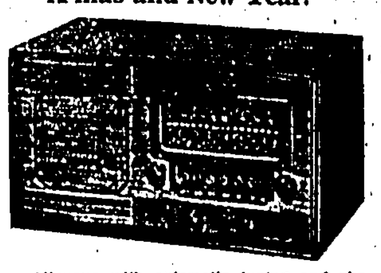

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Chinese Weddings And Personalities

Wedding group taken last Saturday when Miss Doris K. W. Ko, became the bride of Mr. Paul S. Y. Ho. *(A. Fong).*

Mr. Lang Chi Park, noted Chinese actor, whose recent return from the United States will interest local Chinese theatregoers.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. L. Kwee, who were married on December 13 in St. John's Cathedral. The bride is the former Miss Clara S. C. Yeung.

Mr. Wu Tit Tsang, a celebrity of the Cantonese stage, who has recently returned to the Colony from the United States. In the above photograph he portrays a knight-errant of ancient China.

The Misses L. Cheong, Angeline To and Chan Yuk-wing, bridesmaids in the Kwee-Yeung bridal.

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By Ely Culbertson

ALMOST all players are familiar with the signal known as a "high-low" or "echo." Usually this valuable device, consisting of a discard or follow suit play of a high card followed by a lower card, shows that the defender holds exactly two of the suit or that he wants that suit to be continued for reasons of his own. Thus, in almost every case, when a defender "echoes," he is asking his partner to lead that suit. There are, however, important exceptions to this general rule. One of them concerns the *trump echo*. It often is vital for one defender to know just how many trumps his partner originally had. This knowledge can be transmitted by a proper sequence of plays. Consider today's hand:

West, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

NORTH
S.—J 7
H.—K 7 5
D.—K 9 7
C.—K 7 6 5 3

WEST	EAST
S.—10 8 6 5	S.—A K 4 3 2
H.—3 2	H.—Q 8
D.—A 8 6 5 4 2	D.—Q J
C.—8	C.—J 10 9 4

SOUTH
S.—Q 9
H.—A J 10 9 6 4
D.—10 3
C.—A Q 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 spade	2 hearts
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South's two heart overcall, although a strong bid when vulnerable, did not quite represent the trick taking power of his hand. He might have been better advised to have doubled for a take-out (even with shaded values) with the intention of showing his heart suit if North responded with diamonds or clubs. Actually there was a very fair play for a heart game in the combined hands, but North was not sufficiently spurred by the two heart overcall to make a try for game.

West, holding four of his partner's spades, saw no reason to lead that suit. The singleton club appeared much more attractive. That this selection had an unfortunate result was just hard luck as far as West was concerned and was due to the fact that his partner went astray in the subsequent defence.

Declarer captured East's club nine with the ace and laid down the heart ace. The heart jack then was led through West. If, at this point, declarer had operated on the principle that a finesse against the queen is not in order when holding nine cards of the suit, the rest of the play would have become automatic, and East never would have had a chance to go astray. But, apparently, declarer read West's opening lead as a singleton and jumped to the conclusion that West therefore must be fairly long in hearts. It is a fact that if a singleton in one suit can be located in a player's hand, the percentages then are greatly against his holding a doubleton in another suit—unless, of course, his bidding has indicated ten cards in the other two suits.

Thus there was no great criticism to be attached to declarer's heart finesse, but it gave East an opportunity which (unfortunately) he failed to grasp. West had played the heart *deuce* on the ace and the *three spot* on the next lead. If he had held three hearts he would have informed his partner of that fact by playing first the three spot and then the deuce. *This is the trump echo to which I referred above.* Contrary to the general rule, when following suit in trumps a defender shows three, not two, by playing high-low (echoing).

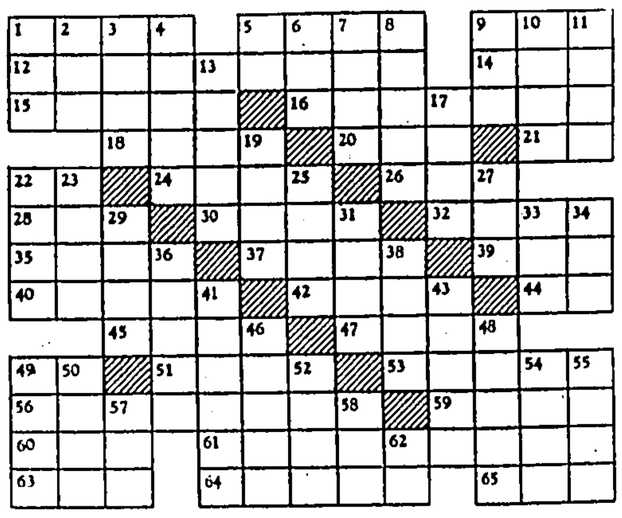
East overlooked the fact that his partner had not echoed in trumps and, after cashing one top spade, returned a club in the hope that West would ruff. Obviously West could do no such thing, having no trumps left. Declarer won with the club queen, crossed to dummy's club king, and ruffed a club, thereby establishing dummy's fifth club. He reentered dummy with the heart king and discarded his remaining spade on the established club, then ruffed a spade back to his own hand, and played up the diamond king.

The defenders lost one of their spade tricks and, by so doing, had to take a very bad match-point score on the board, inasmuch as no North-South team actually reached game.

In peace or war the harvest of the sea goes on, and not the least acceptable of these gifts of nature is the large quantity of sea coal that is washed ashore on the Northumbrian coast. Here there is no rationing of this fuel, and this industrious housewife has obtained two buckets for her household needs. *(Copyright, Fox).*

She may have tears in her eyes, but that's only because she is peeling onions. A happy study from the "home front" of a member of the A.F.S. preparing vegetables for the day's stew. *(Copyright, Fox).*

SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

1 Kind of lock
5 Excited
9 Evil
12 Wide
14 Organ openings
15 Union commander at Gettysburg
16 Blessing
18 To cry loudly
20 Stream
21 Pronoun
22 One
24 To induce
26 Dry
28 Margin
30 To lie hidden
32 Indulgent
35 Frappes
37 Stage
39 Edible seed
40 College officials
42 To chew
44 Part of "to be"
45 Latvian
47 To contract
49 Negative
51 Grain spikes
53 Music: low in pitch
56 Strong effort
59 Pitcher
60 Anarchistic
61 Ratifiers
63 Pronoun
64 English novelist
65 Colour

VERTICAL

1 Border
2 Cutting tool
3 To pierce
4 Lever
5 Because
6 Crane arm
7 Beyond
8 Biographical class
9 Bovine genus
10 In a line
11 European
13 Stair post
17 Arrow poison
19 To extol
22 Sterile
23 Acute
25 To haul
27 Top
29 Repast
31 Caprice
33 Ocean
34 Edible tuber
36 To scoff
38 Carolled
41 Old Greek coin
43 Telegraphs
46 Threefold
48 Prepared skins
49 Roman tyrant
50 Domestic animals
52 Beverage
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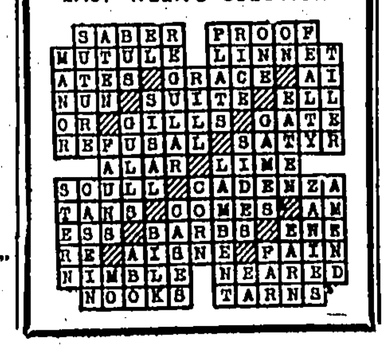
55 Gaelic
57 Holland commune
58 Bow
62 Musical note

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



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Vanity Expressed In Self Grooming

True Feminine Vanity is a satisfaction with one's self, so make the best of what you have and be as attractive as possible, Patricia Lindsay advises.

THE desire to preen herself, to make herself as lovely as possible, is woman's inheritance from Eve. And when that desire becomes lethargic, the woman is not well. Nature is then asking her to recondition her body, or to take time out and so schedule her living that her mind will not be strained or dulled and her body weakened or softened.

One of the quickest ways of shooing the blues is to devote a couple of hours to personal grooming, or to go shopping for new finery! How a cocky new hat will boost one's dejected spirit, and a new lipstick will inspire you to reach for another star. There is no denying it—woman's vanity should be catered to. If she is below par in health her vanity should get even greater consideration!

Of course there is a limit to the amount of time and money you spend in indulging your vanity. In fact your expenditures should most certainly be in accordance with your circumstances. It stands to reason that a busy mother of several children, with little or no household help cannot give up a day for beauty in a lush salon. Nor can she expect to take her husband's pay envelope and blow it all on new clothes and engaging cosmetics. But that mother has a right to some time out for thorough personal grooming, necessary cosmetics for skin and hair, appropriate makeup and an occasional fillip to her wardrobe.

The simplicity of Ann Sheridan's dinner costume dramatises her well groomed beauty.

But many women must learn that vanity does not begin and end with the clothes we wear or the cosmetics we can afford.

Vanity can be appeased by diligent care of one's self. If you like the reflection of the mirror as you stand before it, you have satisfied vanity. Is there a brightness to your expression, is there understanding and sympathy in your eyes? Does your body tell others of normal physical activity? Is it firm and nicely proportioned? Do you carry your clothes well — even if the dress was purchased in a bargain basement? Does your skin and hair look as if you cared for them diligently? Can the woman you see be both beautiful and happy even though she may be the poorest dressed woman among many women? If so, you have lived up to your vanity and your mental and physical health need not be questioned.

My hat goes off to the numerous girls who can look "like a million dollars" on almost nothing a week. And I could send orchids to the women who keep themselves nicely groomed and as well dressed as their means will permit, simply because they feel better satisfied with themselves if they are nicely groomed and appropriately dressed. We all adore lovely things but if we cannot afford them we can at least make the best of what we have and be as attractive as possible. True feminine vanity is a satisfaction with one's self.

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Hollywood's Beauty Standard

According to Hollywood standards the girl is the perfect specimen who is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs between 113 and 118 pounds.

THE movie-struck girl who measures five feet five inches and tips the scales between 113 and 118 pounds has the best chance to reach screen stardom — providing, of course, she has both beauty and talent!

These measurements are based on a survey which shows that the greatest stars on the screen to-day strike this successful average of physical proportions. And to corroborate the figures, the identical height and weight average was reached by seven young beauties just signed by Paramount Studio, who are to be launched towards stardom in what Hollywood likes to call its "Golden Circle."

This uniformity of size reveals at least one success secret in the rapid climb to stardom of such big names as Claudette Colbert, Joan Crawford, Jeanette MacDonald, and Dorothy Lamour. Hedy Lamarr, Paulette Goddard, Madeleine Carroll and Barbara Stanwyck also measure up to par. This list of top Hollywood stars who are almost alike in physical proportions swells when we add Norma Shearer, Irene Dunne, Bette Davis, Shirley Ross, Martha Raye, Lana Turner, Ginger Rogers, Loretta Young.

Carefully selected from every part of the country in a search for beauty, are the seven stars of to-morrow who are so similar in weight and measurements that they are almost identical! Blondes and brunettes are apparently equally divided so you will not have to worry about the colour of your hair. Here they are!

Patricia Morison, brunette measures 5 feet 5 inches. Weighs 118 pounds.

Janice Logan, blonde, is 5 feet 5 inches, weighs 118 pounds.

Joyce Mathews, blonde, is identical in height but tips the beam at 117 pounds.

Muriel Angelus is another of the lucky girls five feet five, but weighing only 113 pounds.

Susan Hayward, comely redhead, measures five feet 4 inches and scales 117 pounds.

Evelyn Keyes, a blonde, also measures 5 feet 4 inches, and weighs 113 pounds.

The seventh is Ellen Drew, and as she is on vacation her exact measurements could not be had, but you may bet they fall within the charmed figures!

If you are taller or shorter than five-feet-five you cannot do a thing about it, excepting to wear high or low heels.

If you are as young as the girls mentioned above and you weigh more than 120 pounds—you can do lots about it!

Personally I believe the comfortable, healthy weight for that age group (15 to 19), and that height, is 122 pounds.

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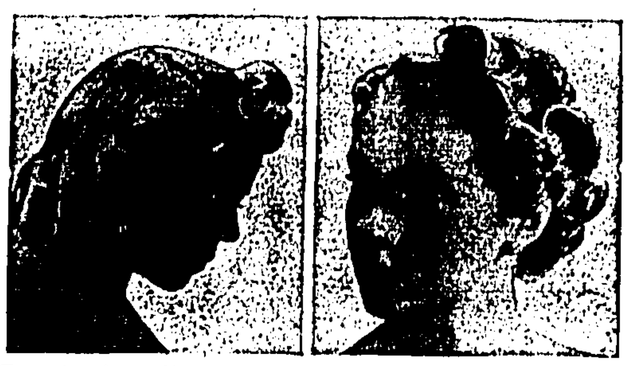
SHAPE HAIR WELL

You can then set it in a variety of ways, says Patricia Lindsay

ONCE your hair is in good condition, free of dandruff and with sufficient elasticity, you should get it nicely shaped before getting the new permanent. Natural curly heads usually do not require shaping for their waves and curls stay in place with a good setting. Of course, if a curly head has very thick hair she might find it easier to manage if it is thinned and shaped a bit.

This business of thinning and shaping hair is a ticklish problem. Some hairdressers do not know when to stop when they get a pair of scissors in their hands. They hack away taking hunks of your cherished locks with little concern about how long it took you to grow them. An expert, however, will not cut away too much of your hair nor cut it in such extreme fashion that you will go home and weep afterward! But from personal experience, and many inquiries, I think it is best for you to caution the man or woman who cuts your hair. Have a pretty definite idea how you want to wear it and rather have too little cut than too much! You can always return for a second shaping after you get your permanent wave.

Take for instance the long curl style above. This may be worn by any girl with a long bob who wants both simplicity and smartness. It substitutes for the "coiffure page" which swept the country the past year or so. Many girls and women will adapt this pretty creation not only because of its youthfulness but because it may be worn with a large barret holding back the curls for a more sleek fashion, or the curls may be combed out carelessly and tied with an attractive bow. By leaving the curls as pictured a young girl could tie a perky bow around her front curl, or put another ornament slightly to one side of the curl.



Two stunning coiffures designed by Leonce of New York.

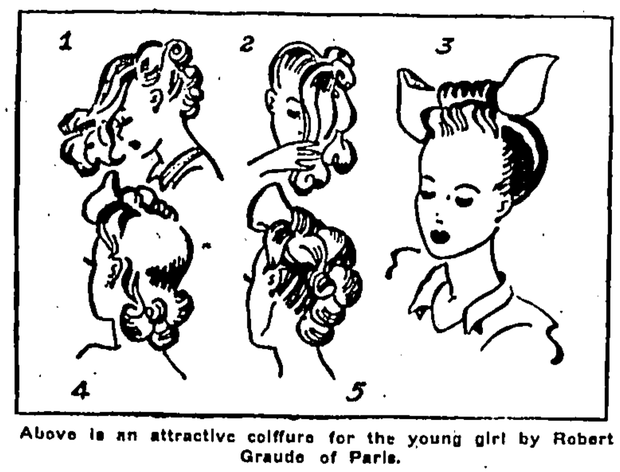
The off-the-face coiffure with shorter curls is ideal for the lucky lady with natural curls! Others may wear it too, but their hair must be cut in brief feathered ends and curled very softly. This is no coiffure for stiff, dried ends!

This coiffure may be worn as pictured, or lifted high on either side and pinned with an ornament. For daytime, if longer hair is more becoming with your hats, simply comb out the back curls freely and an inch or two will be added to their appearance.

Both of these fashions are appropriate to the girl under thirty, but the older girl or woman should not wear the long curls for that style would tend to droop her face instead of lifting it as the off-the-face one does.

Good hair styling is definitely an art and if you are fortunate enough to get into the hands of a hairdresser who knows and loves his business you can have your hair so cut that it may be set in a variety of ways. If you wish it simple for daytime you may wear it simply, and when night comes when you want to be more exotic, you should be able to comb it into a more elaborate coiffure.

Young Coiffure



Above is an attractive coiffure for the young girl by Robert Graude of Paris.

CREDIT goes to Robert Graude of Paris, France, for one of the most attractive coiffures for the young. It is not only appropriate to tender years, but it is simple to do and to manage.

As shown in Sketch 1 and 2 you comb the front part of your hair over your face and fasten the back hair high on your head out of the way. Then you wind the front hair over a ribbon bow and tack it "kitten-eared" fashion as in Sketch 3. You may vary the size of the bow and the colour according to what you wear for the day.

Sketch 4 shows how the back hair may be combed down and curled in three fat curls (no ringlets with this hair-do!) for casual day wear, and Sketch 5 illustrates how these three curls may be softly pinned up for more gala evening fashion.

There is a perky, youthful air about this hair style and it is splendid for the young girl, who cannot bring herself to chop off her shoulder-length bob and has not begun to have her hair permanently waved. It is also an excellent fashion for young women who are looking for an opportunity to let their hair grow—either because they desire to be through with ringlets for life, or wish to let their old permanent wave grow out completely before getting a new one.

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Your Birthday Horoscope

On this page are horoscopes for people whose birthdays fall within the coming week, and who were born under the Zodiacal Sign of Sagittarius.

TO-DAY

IF a woman and December 24 is your birthday, you ought to have a keen understanding of the frailties of those you know intimately and be prepared to make allowances for them. By being sympathetic and charitable you can brighten not only your own but many other people's lives. In all likelihood a wave of prosperity is going to pick you up and carry you to the land of plenty. You are apt to find yourself having a widespread influence for the accomplishment of a great amount of good. Through your nimble fingers and wit you may attract a great deal of favourable attention, that might lead to your making large sums of money. As a dietician, trained nurse, air plane hostess, interior decorator, artist, musician, or actress, you may make a remarkably fine record. You and your husband ought never to have any justification to regret your marriage.

The child born on December 24 has generally a mind that absorbs knowledge with a surprising amount of ease. Capricorn children, born on this date, are difficult to influence against their wills. Exceptionally strong characters, they usually forge their way to the front ranks, by exercising an exceptional amount of perseverance and unswerving loyalty.

If a man and December 24 is your natal day, you will go "through fire and water" to maintain a principle, or to protect those you love. You ought to be universally respected, and your opinion is likely to carry great weight. Through some artistic, literary, theatrical, scientific, musical or commercial line of endeavour you may win an enviable position in society.

MONDAY

IF a woman and December 25 is your birthday, you ought to take a keen interest in all kinds of social activities. A large circle of friends will probably keep you busy, and bring into your life a great deal of happiness. Do not be lacking in sentiment. Phlegmatic people, who go through life expression themselves in a lukewarm way, generally find they have a day of reckoning, when they seek sympathy or words of encouragement to bolster up some hope. As a business woman, educator, artist, interior decorator or author you will, in all likelihood, win your full share of success. Marriage ought to solve for you many problems, and bring you a feeling of contentment and security.

The child born on December 25, frequently has a very lively imagination, which in time it learns to use advantageously and profitably. Poetry, music, art and acting ought to have a strong appeal to this youngster, who should be encouraged to do a lot or reading.

If a man and December 25 is your natal day, ambition probably will make you an energetic, restless go-getter, ever seeking a way to earn an honest penny, as an author, lawyer, doctor, engineer, explorer, actor, salesman, inventor or promoter, your dreams of wealth and power may become a reality.

TUESDAY

IF a woman and December 26 is your birthday, your ability to concentrate on anything you are interested in should be above the average. Your chances for being a success will be greatly enhanced if you do not have a diversity of interests. Make as many friends as possible among all classes of people, for the time may come when they can be of great help to you in some business way. Among the activities in which you might do exceptionally well are: real estate, restaurant management, insurance, interior decorating, as a purchasing agent, public accountant, secretary, artist, writer or radio entertainer. The advantages and happiness you are likely to derive from marrying appear to be unlimited.

The child born on December 26 is frequently a very impetuous youngster, without a grain of fear in its make-up. A love for fun may keep this child constantly in hot water, unless it is curbed. Open and aboveboard, people will instinctively trust Capricorn children.

If a man and December 26 is your natal day, you may like to give the impression of being stern, but those you love can probably wheedle you into doing anything they wish. Love is apt to make you overly indulgent, but very happy in your home life. You may be particularly well-qualified to become an army or navy man, educator, musician, architect, contractor, manufacturer, financier, promoter, journalist, artist or actor.

WEDNESDAY

IF a woman and December 27 is your birthday, your greatest difficulty might be to refrain from spending money in dribs and dabs. Only by being economical can you expect to accumulate money. You perhaps require a little excitement to keep you from being bored, so make it a point to devote some part of your time to social activities. If you get to be a stay-at-home person, there is danger of your becoming self-centered and restricted in your views concerning the action of people and the world's affairs. Money invested in keeping pace with the times is well spent and ought to be regarded as a legitimate expenditure. Many people born on this date have found their way to fortune and fame through writing, illustrating, designing, interior decorating, teaching, missionary work, lecturing, demonstrating, singing or playing a musical instrument. Your matrimonial affairs are likely to turn out as you would wish them to.

The child born on December 27, as a rule pleasantly surprises its parents with constant improvement in its physical, mental and spiritual development. Experience is often this youngster's best teacher. The questions which children born on this date ask should not be answered evasively or indifferently. Through conscientious work, Capricorn children generally reach their goal.

If a man and December 27 is your natal day, sincerity of purpose and honesty ought to enable you to succeed. You may reap a golden reward as a lawyer, doctor, author, artist, builder, actor, business man or inventor.

THURSDAY

IF a woman and December 28 is your birthday, your impulsive nature may make you a trifle too outspoken on occasions when silence might be golden. Nature, most likely, has endowed you with sufficient natural charms to make artificially acquired ones unnecessary and unwise. An unusual stroke of good fortune may make you greatly envied by your friends. Through hotel or restaurant management, professional entertainment, publicity work, writing or selling, you are apt to find yourself with a large income and a well-earned reputation. An exceptional amount of love and devotion seems to dominate your marital state.

The child on December 28, in all likelihood will develop a well-balanced mind, an outstanding personality, a talent for some artistic or professional line of work. Such children frequently are successful early in life.

If a man and December 28 is your natal day, you may concentrate too much upon your work and too little on your pleasure. A certain amount of relaxation is conducive to greater efficiency. Make it a point to rest your mind as well as your body. As an engineer, scientist, educator, clergyman, journalist, broker, politician, manufacturer, sales agent, or through some theatrical activity, you may gain widespread publicity and wealth.

FRIDAY

IF a woman and December 29 is your birthday, your possessions are likely to enhance in value and number, by a series of fortunate events. Love may change the course of your life in an unexpected but gratifying way. By travelling you may get much valuable knowledge, which will be put to good use. Business or a career may provide many strange and profitable experiences, making your life unusually interesting. The stage, lecture or concert platform, literary field or the commercial world ought to offer you the opportunity to demonstrate your ability and real worth in a most advantageous financial way. Marriage ought to give you many reasons for feeling you have many blessings and social advantages.

The child born on December 29 usually has a remarkable amount of intuition, ambition, and a fighting spirit that will not allow it to admit defeat while there is the slightest chance for success. The future of this youngster can be thought of with the greatest amount of optimism.

If a man and December 29 is your natal day, you may be a born actor, especially when it comes to the controlling of your emotions. With fortitude and patience you more than likely will do your work well. You may be successful in a literary, artistic, medical engineering, architectural, inventing, musical, educational, theatrical or clerical career.

SATURDAY

IF a woman and December 30 is your birthday, sentiment is never likely to interfere with your sense of justice. One of your greatest mistakes may be an endeavour to mix friendship and business. You might be inclined to do a lot of surmising, but guesswork at its best, seldom work out satisfactorily. In all likelihood you will develop the ability to make or save a great deal of money, without stinting yourself or being unduly economical. Through the operation of a restaurant, hotel, business office, school or specialty shop, you may gain not only distinction, but freedom from financial worries. Neither you nor the man you marry is likely to have cause to regret your selection of a mate.

The child born on December 30, frequently has its steadfastness of character and spirit of perseverance misjudged as stubbornness. Parents of such children must be careful not to mistake fine qualities as undesirable ones, in their various stages of developing, for these qualities will enable then to succeed.

If a man and December 30 is your natal day, don't be too open-handed, if you expect to accumulate a substantial sum of money. It would seem that Fate will be very kind to you in many ways, and give you the chance of becoming very prosperous. Guard against self-indulgence. As a druggist, chemist, engineer, clergyman, actor, politician, salesman, inventor, writer or merchant your path may be a little rocky until it becomes smoothed by your efforts to reach the peak of success, which you should do in time.

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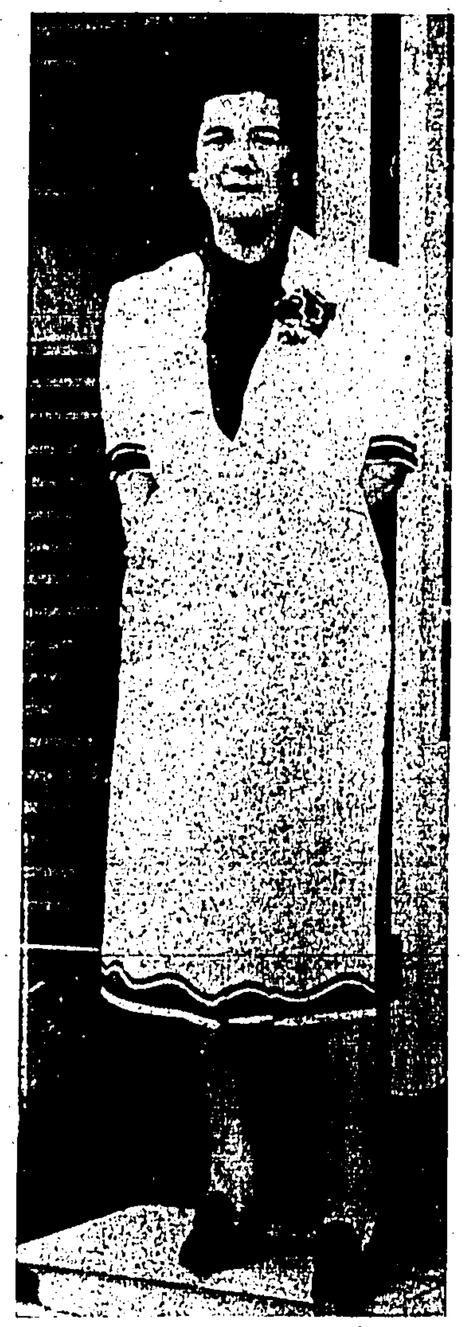
"Pat" Pasco and George Goncharoff in a striking pose from the Ballet to be staged at the King's Theatre in January by the pupils of the Goncharoff School of Dancing.



Mrs. C. J. Church, who in business is known as Mrs. Beatrice Thompson, will be returning to Hong Kong with her two daughters on or about December 26.

The Rifle Team and Association Officials who represented the Colony in the N.R.A. Overseas Postal Match on December 10. The match was fired in very adverse conditions. *(King's Studio).*

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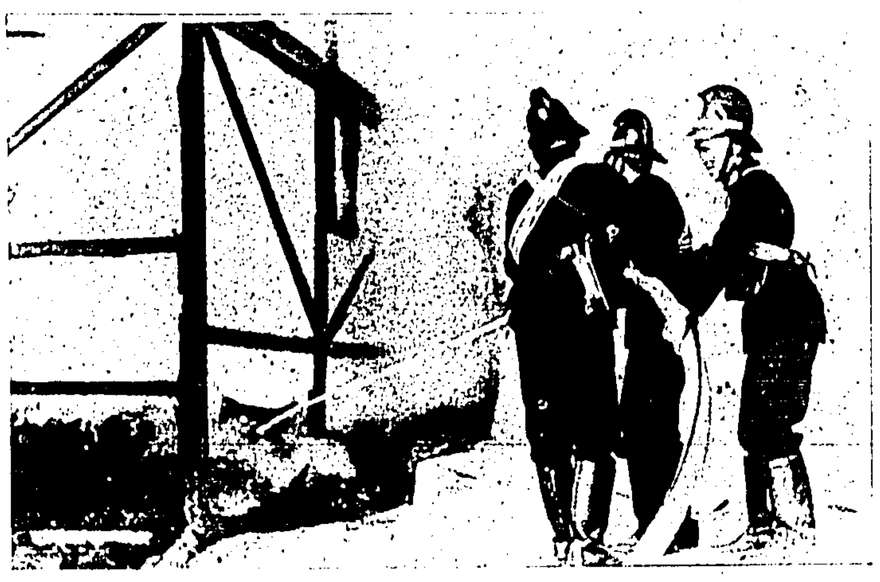
His Excellency the Governor is seen here with Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins. Directly behind His Excellency is Mr. C. Champkin, and on the left is Warden C. M. Manners.



The Fire Brigade gets into action, putting out the blaze which caused several "casualties". The latter were given first-aid treatment by St. John Ambulance men.

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Inspector M. H. Hourihan, who was in charge of the Police Squad which took part in the Exercise.

The demolition squad at work on a shattered building. Lifting "corpses" from the wreckage kept them busy.

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The Kowloon Bowling Green Club's ninth annual children's sports and X'mas party was held last Saturday under ideal conditions, and the five pictures in this top group show scenes of the event.

A group of holidaymakers who attended the annual Christmas Dinner-Dance of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. The function was held in the firm's Club at North Point last Saturday. *(King's Studio)*.

A large and merry group of people who attended the Hong Kong University's Christmas Dinner-Dance held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel last Saturday. *(King's Studio)*.

INISHUATIVE

By

MABEL CONSTANDUROS

"I BEEN thinkin' Em'ly," Grandma hitched the best armchair a trifle nearer to the kitchen fire. "What about takin' the kids up West to-morrer to 'ave a look at the Christmas shops?"

Mrs. Buggins finished the small sock she was darning, bit off the wool and began to turn in the toe with a thoughtful air.

"I dunno, Gran'ma," she said at last. "The fares for you and me and the children 'll come to over a bob there and back, and the prices is so 'igh you can't buy nothink, and we all see 'eaps of things we want and can't 'ave and comes 'ome tired and disagreeable. I dunno as we 'adn't better shop round 'ere and done with."

"I'll stand the fares."

Mrs. Buggins laid down her work and stared. Never since she could remember had Grandma made such an offer.

"What, all of us?" she said. "You me and Alfie and Emma and Baby?"

"Yes. And Cousin 'Arold if 'e cares to come."

"Gran'ma!" Mrs. Buggins's eyes were wide with astonishment. "'Ave you come into money or somethink?"

"I got a plan," replied the old lady with a mysterious air, and however much she was questioned she would say no more.

The offer of a free trip up West was too good to miss, of course. Cousin Harold, who was a plumber, managed to get the day off and arrived at the house in his best suit, ready to escort the party and carry either Baby or the parcels as occasion arose. Grandma was ready early for once, waiting impatiently in the kitchen, fully dressed even to a pair of black cotton gloves and a very large umbrella.

"You won't want the umbrella Grandma Ducks," said Harold. "It's a lovely day."

"What I want's me own business," retorted Grandma. "Umbrellas is useful for more things than rain."

"I wish you'd of let me bring dinner," said Mrs. Buggins wistfully. "I could 'ave packed up some nice paste samwidges and a few sausages and brem butter and brought 'em in me string bag with a bottle of tea."

"Don't be so common Em'ly." Grandma gave her daughter-in-law a withering glance. "You can't set down in the middle of one o' them posh shops and eat out of a bag. There ain't nowhere to set, for one thing. Look at the fuss them done up 'Moddoms' would kick up if you was to set yourself down and spread out your dinner on one o' their counters. I'll manage dinner all right, don't you fret."

"D'you think she knows what she's sayin'?" whispered Cousin Harold to Mrs. Buggins as they set off. "I can't last all day long on a whiff of perfume and the sight of a few decorations you know."

"The children'll be famished, too," said Mrs. Buggins. "I expect the 'ole thing'll fall on me as usual. I shall 'ave to spend all I've saved for Christmas on one meal at one o' them posh restaurants where they charge you for breathin' to begin with, let alone food. We was fools to come I shouldn't wonder, 'Arold."

"Well let's see what 'appens," returned Harold. "We're in for it now anyway, and the old girl's got some plan in 'er 'ead. Look at 'er 'obblin' along in front like a good 'un."

"We'll go to Hall and James's," said Grandma firmly as they settled themselves in a bus. "It ain't fur from the bus stop and we shan't 'ave a long walk."

The shops, with their Christmas decorations, were certainly looking most attractive and Mrs. Buggins could hardly get along, so eagerly did she gaze in every window they passed, but Grandma glanced neither to right nor to left, elbowing her way determinedly through the crowds till she led the party right to the entrance of Messrs. Hall and James's imposing store.

"'Ere we'll separate," she said firmly. "You and the kids can go and 'ave a hour in the Toys, Em'ly, and I daresay 'Arold ain't above lookin' at the model trains. We'll meet by the stairs in the Bargain Basement in a hour's time."

"But where are you goin' by yourself, Gran'ma?" asked Mrs. Buggins.

"Never you mind. You go and look at the Toys and meet me in a hour's time."

"That'll be near one o'clock. We shan't 'ave to be much longer if we're goin' to get 'ome to dinner. We shan't get back till two even then."

"You go on and do yer gazin' and garpin' and leave the rest to me," said Grandma over her shoulder as she bustled away and left them.

"Well, come on 'Arold," Mrs. Buggins guided her impatient family towards the lift. "We may as well 'ave a look round while we are 'ere, but 'pon me word I think Grandma must 'a gone dippy—I do straight!"

They forgot all about the old lady, however, in the delight of looking at the toys. Harold and Alfie could not be coaxed away from a model railway, and Emma and Baby were entranced at the dolls and perambulators. The hour had gone before they noticed it. It was Mrs. Buggins who remembered the time. Perhaps the face of having to carry a large and heavy child had something to do with it. She touched Harold on the arm.

"One o'clock 'Arold. Time to meet Grandma."

The children protested at being led away from the toys, but once in the lift they all discovered that they were hungry.

"Mum, when can we 'ave dinner?" pleaded Alfie. "I feel as empty as an 'oller can."

"I thought as much 'Arold." Mrs. Buggins looked anxious. "Grandma ought to of let me bring somethink to stay our pangs. Now we shall either 'ave to go and pay goodness knows what or starve till we get 'ome. Silly old girl. I wonder where she is?"

Grandma came up to them almost as soon as they got out of the lift.

"I'm glad you come 'Arold," she said. "There's a feller 'ere been follerin' me round somethink disgraceful. Won't take 'is eyes orf of me."

She shot a baleful glance at a fair, harmless looking little man with glasses, who immediately became absorbed in a tray of ladies underwear.

"Ashamed of 'isself you see," she remarked acidly. "And so 'e ought to be—annoyin' defenceless females. 'E may think 'issel lucky I ain't give 'im in charge." After another withering glance at the little man, who had turned his back rather pointedly to her, Grandma announced her intention of buying a pair of stockings.

"Must you Grandma?" asked Mrs. Buggins. "The children and me's fallin' through!"

Grandma was already turning over a heap of stockings. The assistant who came to serve her was extremely patient, but no pair of stockings was quite the shade Grandma wanted. One was too brown, another too grey. What Grandma would really have liked, she said, was a sort of fawny puce. The assistant was sorry, but that shade was not being worn.

"Pity!" Grandma rummaged busily among the stockings. "And you can tell that feller, 'Arold," she added loudly, "that I may be a bargain, but I ain't the sort to get picked up by the likes of 'im!"

The fair little man with the glasses, who was also looking at stockings, turned round suddenly at the sound of Grandma's voice, so suddenly that a tray of stockings was somehow knocked to the ground.

The little man apologised profusely and bent to pick them up, colliding with Grandma as he did so, and knocking out of her hand the large umbrella. Each of them made a grab at it but the little fair man got it first. Unfortunately he returned it to Grandma upside down, and out of it fell a miscellaneous collection of small articles: —three dusters, a man's tie, a pair of woollen gloves, a lady's vest, a child's pinafore and a toothbrush.

"Clumsy monkey!" said Grandma bitterly. "I 'ope you're satisfied!"

"I am, thank you," said the little man sharply. "Satisfied that you've been helping yourself to the firm's goods. I must ask you to come along with me to the Manager's Office."

"Oh no you don't," retorted Grandma with spirit. "Follers me about all the mornin' and then asks me to go with 'im to a office!" she said loudly to the small crowd which began to collect them. "Go away you Molestin' Monster," she added severely to the little man, "and don't try any of your games on with me! I seen your sort before."

"Oh do come away, Grandma," pleaded Mrs. Buggins. "There's ever such a crowd collectin'."

"Make 'im give me my property then." Grandma pointed to her enemy, who had collected not only the things which had fallen from her umbrella, but the umbrella itself, and was holding them determinedly.

"Not till you've been to the Manager with me," replied the little man. He laid a firm hand on Grandma's arm, but she drew herself up grandly and shook him off.

"Un'and me you seducin' shark!" she said with great distinctness. "I'll come to the Manager all right to complain of bein' molested. I got fifty witnesses 'ere 'oo see you

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knock me umbrella out of me 'and and lay your 'and on me arm in a familiar manner. I ain't standin' any of that, if I am only a poor old party with no one to protect 'er." Grandma's voice shook, and there was a murmur of sympathy from some of the bystanders.

"Oh don't say that, Grandma," called Mrs. Buggins from the edge of the crowd, which had gradually pushed its way between her and the principal actors in the scene. "'Arold and me's 'ere. We'll never desert you!"

"Accomplices," whispered someone near her.

"I must ask the whole party to come along with me to the Manager's Office," repeated the man with glasses firmly. He began to move off, accompanied by Grandma and followed by the crowd. Mrs. Buggins, tearful and anxious, with the three bewildered children and Cousin Harold, pushed her way along as close to the old lady as she could, but, attracted by Grandma's loud remarks, the crowd was becoming bigger every moment.

"Keep away from me, you Betrayin' Monster!" Grandma remarked loudly. "It's a nice thing that jest because a person refuses to be picked up in a bargain basement they should be accused of thievin." Let 'em look to themselves, 'im and 'is Manager friend! I got a 'undred witnesses to show 'e's called me a thief. Where's a solicitor, I say? Fetch a policeman!"

"What's all this?" The manager a tall, keen faced man in correct morning dress, looked up impatiently from his desk as the house detective and Grandma, followed with difficulty by the rest of her family, pushed their way through the crowd and into the office.

"Clear case of shoplifting, sir."

"Yes, yes, but couldn't you have brought her along quietly?"

"Quietly?" Grandma, her bonnet awry, her hair slightly dishevelled, faced him angrily. "'E tries the 'ole morning' to get me to give 'eed to 'is dishonourable advances, and when I spurn 'im 'e trumps up a charge of shop's liftin? I demand a p'liceman! I claim the protection of the lor!"

The manager looked from her angry face to that of the detective, who shook his head.

"Clear case, I'm afraid, sir, Found all these things in her umbrella."

"Well, what of it?" demanded Grandma. "Can't anyone carry their purchases in an umbrella if they like, instead of bein' cluttered up with a lot of silly parcels?"

"They weren't wrapped up, sir," said the detective, in response to another look from the manager.

"Course they weren't!" retorted Grandma. "Little brown paper parcels slides out of a umbrella where sorft things wouldn't. If I choose to onwrap my parcels so as to carry 'em more convenient, am I to be 'ounded through the shop like a common thief? Me, that's always been known as the acne of respectability!" Grandma's voice shook, and she dabbed her eyes with her handkerchief.

"Did you pay for these things Madam?" asked the Manager very suavely.

"Course I did," replied Grandma. "And I got the bills to show it."

"Might we see them?" the Manager flashed a grim look at the detective, but his tone was smoothness itself.

"Ere they are!" Grandma fumbled for a moment at an ancient black bag she was carrying, then threw a little bundle of papers on the Manager's desk.

He examined them carefully, put on his glasses, examined them again, and glanced up sternly at the detective.

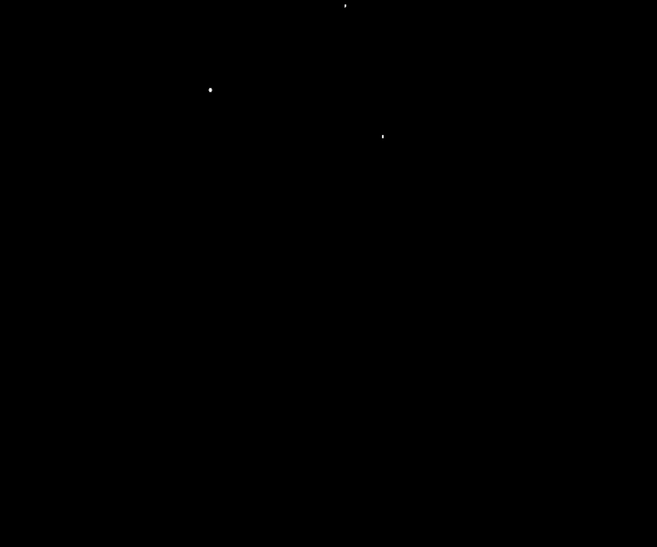
"These are all in order," he said. "The goods are all paid for. You have made a grave mistake, Mr. Docking."

Mr. Docking, whose face had become pale green, began to stammer an apology.

"It's all very well for 'im to apologise" said Grandma in a shaking voice," but what about me that been 'ounded through the shop like a thief in the sight of 'undreds?" She paused a moment, then held up her finger dramatically. "Listen to 'em outside," she said, "waitin' to see a pore old woman come out in 'andcuffs!" Her voice broke entirely on the last word and she began to sob. The manager rose and patted her shoulder. "There, there," he said kindly. "Don't be so upset." But Grandma only sobbed the louder. Alfie and Emma, sensing trouble, as children do, without understanding it, began to cry as well, and Baby set up a loud wail in sympathy.

Listen." The Manager spoke in a very loud voice so as to be heard above the din. "Suppose you all come up and have lunch first of all —at the firm's expense, naturally."

The children's tears ceased at the mention of lunch, and Mrs. Buggins had actually opened her mouth to utter her grateful thanks, when Grandma silenced her with a glance.



"Clumsy Monkey!" said Grandma.

"Lunch," she said. "You take a person's character away like you done mine and think you can buy 'er orf with lunch!"

"—I only suggested it as a preliminary." The Manager, recognizing Grandma as a formidable opponent, mopped his brow. "Afterwards we can—perhaps—come to an arrangement."

"That'll be too late," said Grandma firmly. "My nephew 'ere is clurk to a solicitor. 'E'd never see 'is pore old Auntie accused of thievin' without doin' something about 'er damages, would you, 'Arold."

rd out a trembling negative.

"You wouldn't wish to be vindictive, I'm sure, madam?" The manager spoke in his most ingratiating voice but there was no mercy in the hard old face confronting him.

"Suppose—suppose each one of your party were allowed to choose a Christmas present?" he suggested hurriedly. Small beads of perspiration had begun to collect on his forehead and upper lip. The detective had slipped away.

"Could we choose what we like?" Grandma's grim old eyes gazed unwinkingly into his.

"What you like," assented the Manager. "Within reason, of course," he added hastily.

"There wasn't no reason in what you done to me," answered Grandma implacably. "And there wouldn't be no reason in goin' to lor. I shall 'ave a nice armchair meself. Me daughter-in-law'll 'ave a—a silver tea pot. The kids'll 'ave bicycles and 'Arold—"

"Not the baby—she won't want a bicycle." The Manager was putting up a feeble fight.

"No, she can 'ave a wireless set." Grandma's eye twinkled. "Cousin 'Arold——"

"'E'll 'ave a soot of close," interrupted Harold hastily.

"Nothink of the sort. E'll 'ave a dozen o' port—and mind it's the best!" asserted Grandma.

The Manager shrugged his shoulders. "Very well. If you'll sign an undertaking that these goods constitute a full satisfaction of any claim you may have on the firm."

"Done!" said Grandma. "And now we'll 'ave somethink to eat."

"That's better!" Grandma pushed back her chair to survey the fast-emptying dining-room, after a hearty meal of turkey, ham, and plum pudding, washed down by a cup of coffee and supplemented by a chocolate ice.

"Now we'll go and choose our presents."

"Grandma, did you ackshelly plan all this?" Mrs. Buggins asked wonderingly as she unfastened the napkin she had tied round baby's chin. "Was that what you meant when you wouldn't let me bring our dinners?"

"I won't say I ackshelly planned it," Grandma's eyes twinkled. "All I done was to 'elp Fate along a bit. What anyone wants in this 'ard world," she added, "is inishuative!"

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PASTE THIS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD

Here are some of the answers you'd like to give when an officer of the law stops you for speeding and says, "Where's your licence, buddy?"

1. "My name's not buddy, you stinker; it's Richard Quarterdeck Harrison, the third."
2. "I haven't got the slightest idea; where's yours?"
3. "Which do you want, hunting or fishing?"
4. "Why waste my time? In the end I'll give you five bucks anyway."
5. "Licence—licence! What is a licence?"
6. "Oh, you're the messenger boy my little son said was following us."
7. "I haven't got a licence, and what's more, the car is stolen."
8. "How dare you, officer! You'll just have to take my word that we're married."
9. "Beat it or I'll call a cop."—*Penn Punch Bowl.*

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SUITS, and still more suits, says Dolly Tree, who designed as she preaches in M-G-M's production *These Glamour Girls*. Here you will see Anita Louise in a beige gaberdine costume with a brown velour coachman's hat; Jane Bryan in a black nubby wool dressmaker suit; Mary Beth Hughes in a black skirt with Oxford grey jacket, and Lana Turner wearing a grey suit with a blouse of grey jersey. According to Miss Tree, grey is a high fashion colour right now and jersey a favourite fabric for tailored afternoon blouses. At night jersey will top dark draped skirts.

Adrian, another M-G-M designer, puts in a word about foot gear. Cover up those toes and heels, says he, the day of the open shoe is doomed. Heavy, peasant effects will be in vogue as a direct result of the foreign exhibits at the two World Fairs. Sportswear as well as town clothes will be worn with cobbler or Dutch shoes with thick padded toes. Incidentally, the peasant influence is responsible also for the heavy embroidery in varicoloured yarn to be found in the newer Hollywood wardrobes.

Skipping about from foot to head, Adrian advises you to take the bow off your hair. (Use it as a bustle if you're really attached to it). The smartest thing you can do to your head is to wrap a yard or so of silk or velvet around it. Hedy Lamarr gives you further ideas on this in M-G-M's *Lady of the Tropics*.

Of course, if you are really honest about wanting to find out everything, make a date with *The Women*, the M-G-M production to be released shortly. Here is an exploitation of all feminine behaviour known and unknown to man. Aside from this Adrian has whipped together enough gowns and hats to set Dame Fashion agog for a year. From the fade-in to the fade-out the screen will give you a continuous fashion parade for all shapes and sizes of women in every walk of life. If you are tall and willowy, watch Rosalind Russell. Conservatives will do best to keep an eye on Norma Shearer. Should you be a glamour girl, Joan Crawford is your star. For matrons there is Phyllis Povak, for tailored types Florence Nash. In short, *The Women* provides the answer to every woman's dream.

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Irene Dunne, star of Universal's *When Tomorrow Comes*, sends her studio's fashion bills sky-rocketing with the gowns she wears on the screen. But in private life Irene is quite practical. Listen to this: "I never buy new clothes at the very beginning of any season, for there is always the danger they are too new to last. No well-dressed woman goes in for fads." So Irene wears what she has until she is certain of buying what she wants.

And this, you susceptible females, is the fads and fancies season, in case you don't wish to be reminded.

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R K O Radio's famous designer, Irene, sees these trends for the new season: the lowered waistline; the new use of curved lines in neck openings, circular skirts and peplums; and the popularity of colour.

The key to any wardrobe, says Irene, is thoughtful planning. You should buy accessories that go with several frocks, a coat that combines with all of them, a suit to be worn several ways. For instance, there is the suit Irene designed for Ginger Rogers of navy blue tricotine. An embroidered jabot of blue batiste has a softening influence, but the suit turns definitely tailored with a dickey of polka dot silk.

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Behind the fashion scene at Warner Brothers we find Milo Anderson enthusing over the suit he designed for Jane Wyman to wear in *Kid Nightingale*. It is made of sheer lemon wool and consists of a flared skirt and square-shouldered, back-buttoned bodice. The two-pieces miss meeting by five inches, so that a biscuit beige crepe slip shows beneath. Another of Milo's suits is a plaid jacket to be worn with a grey wool skirt.

Lilac splash print on a black background is combined with jade green jersey to fashion this charming dinner frock with its draped bodice and flowing panel. Barabara Stanwyck wears it in Columbia's "Golden Boy." *(Columbia).*

Leah Barnes, who created Ann Sheridan's hats for Warner Brothers' coming production *20,000 Years in Sing Sing*, likes semi-fitted high crowns which are softly draped or manipulated. Turbans should be intricately wrapped, and berets, on the up and up, are tucked or shirred. Brims, says Miss Barnes, are narrow or visor-like with tiny ostrich plumes or flat wings the most popular ornamentation.

Should a woman by any chance crave a truly becoming hat, Miss Barnes submits these rules. The style must be conservative enough to remain in fashion at least a year, the age of the hat must be a reflection of your own and it should be designed to make the face appear more oval. Above all, admonishes Miss Barnes, that hat should be in the same mood as the dress: turbans for draped effects, bretons or pokes for the little girl feeling, sailors for two-piece models.

Orry-Kelly is the designer of the elaborate wardrobe for Bette Davis in *The Lady and the Knight*. In this 16th century Warner Brothers' picture, Orry-Kelly sees inspiration in the long pointed bodices, the full skirts and the leg o' mutton sleeves for modern adaptation.

As for bustles, Orry-Kelly is inclined to say, didn't I tell you? There are countless versions from which to choose. The only point to remember is that bustles belong only on a slender silhouette.

Quick, Watson, the tape measure!

This handsome sports outfit worn by Barbara Stanwyck is of suede. The short, wide-shouldered jacket with flap pockets and slim skirt is in amber suede, and the high-necked blouse and high-crowned vagabond hat is in Mojave brown suede. *(Columbia).*

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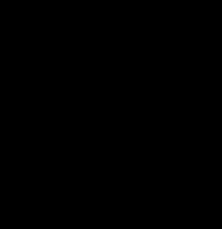

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Heard at Frankie and Johnnie's on Eighth Ave.: "Do you think the French will be able to penetrate that Ziegfield line?"—*Lucius Beebe.*

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AFTER THAT—

I thought I knew the American language, but I went into a shop in Washington one day and asked an assistant whether she kept stationery.

She replied, "For a certain time, after that I get restless." — *Sunday Dispatch*, London.

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YOU TRY!

An Arctic explorer was telling about the crude diet of the Eskimos, when a well-meaning but not too bright old lady expressed surprise that Eskimos didn't drink milk.

"Madam," replied the explorer, "have you ever tried to milk a seal?" "*You and Heredity*," (Stokes).

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HER PUNISHMENT

A female murderess, found after her trial to be insane, was told that the death-sentence had been commuted and that she was to be sent to Broadmoor for the King's pleasure. "Well, well," she answered, "I should have thought that I was too old for that sort of thing. But one lives and learns."—*Men Only*, London.

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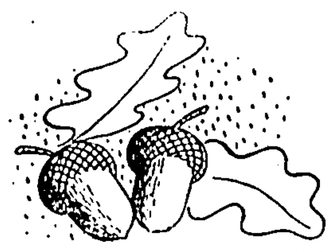

"Confidentially, my dear, I think I'm going to have an oak."—*Punch*, London.

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ENGLISH, AS SHE IS SPOKE

Some German refugees I know, anxious to be of use to Britain in the event of war, were advised to speak English whenever possible. They are determined to conquer the language before Hitler tries to do any other kind of conquering. With them on a bus the other day I heard them still perservering, and I had my doubts.

First *Refugee*: How much of time?
Second Refugee: Three.
First Refugee: Such much!—*Time & Tide*, London.

REASON ENOUGH

Boss: "You want me to raise your salary? Give me three good reasons why I should."

Clerk: "Triplets, sir."

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ENOUGH

Mother — My daughter, do you know what happens when you break one of the Ten Commandments?

Daughter—Sure, you have nine left.

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ENJOYING HIMSELF

On his visit to America, George Bernard Shaw was invited to one of those lethargic lionizing parties. During the evening the hostess approached the noted cynic and said, "Are you enjoying yourself, Mr. Shaw?" "Yes—and that's the only thing I'm enjoying," he retorted.—*Liberty*, Toronto.

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AS WELL AS

A schoolboy was called upon to recite the passage from "The Ancient Mariner" which contains the lines:

All in a hot and copper sky,
The bloody sun at noon,
Right up above the mast did stand,
No bigger than the moon.

For the life of him he could not remember the last line, and after hesitating a while he blurted out, "So did the bloody moon."—*Manchester Guardian Weekly.*

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AND SMITH-SMYTHE

Hyphenated names are an incessant source of amusement to Americans. Recently, we hear, a member of the Irish family of Cave-Browne-Cave went to New York. At some function he had to introduce himself. "I'm Cave-Brown-Cave," said he.

"I'm Home," replied an American. "Home - Sweet - Home." — *Evening Mail*, Dublin.

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IT'S MIZZEN

The captain of a sailing vessel was questioning a new hand regarding his knowledge of ships and the sea. After repeatedly receiving wrong answers, he asked, in exasperation, "Hang it all, man, tell me this: where's the mizzen mast?"

"I don't know," replied the aspiring seaman. "How long has it been mizzen?"—*Tit-Bits*, London.

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LONGER THAN THAT

Ephraim: "Did you know dat Jonah was three days in de stomach of a whale?"

Rastus: "Dat ain't much. Mah uncle was longer den dat in de stomach ob an alligator."

Ephraim: "You don't say! How long?"

Rastus: "He's dere yit!"

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THE TRUTH

"My friends," said the preacher, "I'm willing to wager that there is not one woman in this vast audience who hasn't at some time in her life, resorted to a lie."

"I haven't," shouted a little old maid in the back of the hall.

"But, madam," cautioned the speaker, "perhaps in your goodness, you do not understand what is meant by lies."

"Lies? Oh, dear me, I thought you said guys."—*Brevities*, Toronto.

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TIME WILL TELL

The young wife was boasting to a friend about what a big man her hubby was. "Why he's bigger than Ford," bragged the wifey, "he's even bigger than Roosevelt." The friend asked, "Is he bigger than God?" "Well, I wouldn't say that," replied the wife, "but he's young yet."

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RARE

The meek little gent in the restaurant finally sighed and decided to give up his steak. It was tougher than sole leather. He called the waiter and pleaded that it be taken back to the kitchen. The waiter dolefully shook his head and said: "Sorry, pal, I can't take it back now. You've bent it!"

—*Man, Australia.*

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AS SOON AS

A customer entered a small town barber shop.

"How soon can you cut my hair?" he asked.

"Bill," said the barber, addressing his small son, "run to the *Gazette* and tell the editor if he's done editing the morning edition, I'd like my scissors. Gentleman wants a haircut."

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HOUSE PART

A soldier went to his colonel and asked for leave to go home to help his wife with her spring cleaning.

"I don't like to refuse you," said the colonel, "but I've just received a letter from your wife saying that you are no use around the house."

The soldier saluted and turned to go. At the door he stopped, turned and remarked:

"Colonel, there are two persons in this regiment who handle the truth loosely, and I'm one of them. I'm not married."

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LITTLE OSCAR

They're relaying the one about "Little Oscar," the seven-year-old brat. Little Oscar went to the zoo and saw his first elephant. He arrived home all excited and told his mother about the animals. "Gee, mom," chortled Little Oscar, "the elephant was the craziest animal. Why, you oughta see the tail he had. I saw him picking up cabbages with it." His mother smiled tolerantly and asked, "And what did he do with the cabbages?" Gee," stuttered Little Oscar, "I couldn't tell you that!"

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CAUGHT

It was during Prohibition. The railroad station was packed with a gay going-away throng. Over at one side of the waiting room, stood a quiet little man, fidgeting about and attempting to hide himself from the crowd. A Federal Agent noticed that the stranger had something in his coat pocket from which drops were falling in slow trickles. The Fed, with a gleam in his eye, collared the gent, put a finger out under the drops, caught one and tasted it. Then he spoke to the man.

"Scotch?"

"Nope," replied the stranger, "Airedale pup!"

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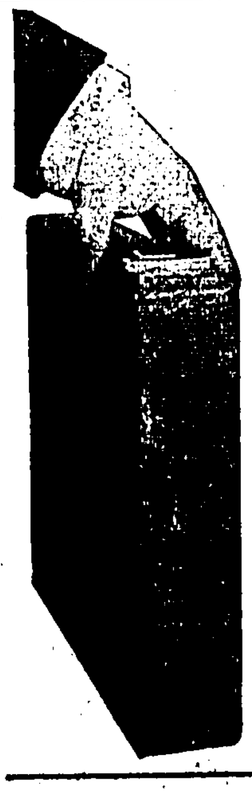
"Gee, mom, can't you do anything about your hiccups—?" — *Die Koralle*, Berlin.



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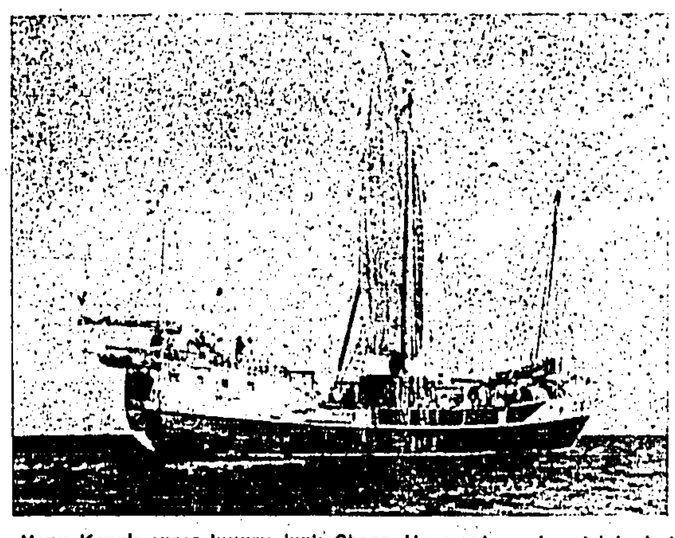
Miscellaneous Snapshots

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. J. Baretto, whose marriage took place at the Union Church last Wednesday. The bride is the former Miss Simone Germaine Levy. The couple arrived in the Colony from Manila the day previous.

Madame C. C. Wu, wife of Dr. C. C. Wu, former Chinese Minister to London now stationed at Moscow, is seen cutting the ribbon which opened the bazaar, sponsored by the Hong Kong Branch of the National Women's Relief Association, on December 15.



Hong Kong's super-luxury junk Cheng Ho went on her trials last Sunday, and is seen above as she cruised off the Island. She is expected to sail on her maiden trip on Boxing Day.

Taken on board the Cheng Ho during her trials, this picture shows three of the leading members of the "crew." From left to right they are, "Dan" Hubrecht, Thomas Kilkenny, who designed and built the junk, and "Jack" Fant, of Jardine's floating staff.

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His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, with the U.S. Consul-General, Mr. A. E. Southard.

Mrs. L. Dunbar leading in her husband's Confusion Bay (Mr. D. Black up), after its easy win in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions last Saturday. Hectic View was the only other starter.

Mrs. P. Delaney and Mrs. Coates.

Mesdames Dunbar, Seth and Sllan.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chen and Miss Doreen Louey.

Mrs. Turner and Mr. Sturt.

Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Whittaker.

Mrs. Durran, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. H. G. Sheldon.

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MOBILISATION RUMOURS DENIED

AFGHAN WATCH ON BORDER

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Cairo, To-day.

Although rumours of an alleged Afghan general mobilisation have been denied, press reports from Kabul state that the Afghanistan authorities are seriously worried over the European situation and the Russian menace.

During the recent Cabinet Council the Government decided to reinforce surveillance on the Soviet-Afghan frontier.

A conference between the signatories of the Pact of Saadabad—Afghanistan, Iran, Irak and Turkey—is contemplated before the Spring to study the general situation in the Orient and the elaboration of measures of co-operation.—Havas.

AIRCRAFT RESEARCH

WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY.

CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH STATIONS.

The sponsors say that the United States must ensure that it has aircraft equal to or better than any others in the world.

This was learned yesterday following a closed meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.—Reuter.

KING VISITS BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE.—Piping His Majesty ashore from the destroyer in which he crossed the Channel. (Copyright, Fox).

WAR SOUVENIRS IN PARIS STREETS

Paris, Yesterday.

Two German war souvenirs caused a traffic jam yesterday.

They were two Nazi aeroplanes which had been shot down in action, a Messerschmidt fighter and a Dornier bomber.—Reuter.

NO CLOTHING CARDS FOR JEWS

Berlin, Yesterday.

German Jews were eliminated from consideration yesterday in the distribution of ration cards for clothing.

A official spokesman said:—"The Jews were better off than other Germans before the war, and, therefore, they have enough clothes!"—Reuter.

GERMAN FLEET MOVEMENTS BEING WATCHED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, Yesterday.

OBSERVERS ATTACH great importance to Hitler's announced retirement to Berchtesgaden for Christmas.

This is because the occasions of his retreat to his mountain fastness have always preceded important decisions.

This fact is connected with the necessity for Hitler to re-establish his badly shaken prestige.

Political circles are of opinion that Hitler may launch a desperate action before the Spring.

While some think that action against neutrals may be foreshadowed by the German fleet's departure from some of their important bases, others do not disregard the idea of a land or air offensive in the near future, and possibly as a surprise action during the Christmas lull.

Observers recall, however, that neither Britain nor France has ever forgotten the possibility of such an attack.

While the Maginot Line is watchfully manned, Britain several weeks ago took steps to meet an eventual gigantic attack against her industries and harbours.—Havas.

SEIZURE OF THYSSEN FACTORIES

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Berne, Yesterday.

Information from Germany asserts that the Reich will soon incorporate into the Herman Goering Werke, Fritz Thyssen's holdings.

These holdings are estimated at 50,000,000 marks, and consist principally of the Vereinig Stahlwerke, an important steel producing concern.

Nazi circles bitterly denounce Herr Thyssen, and declare that "the attitude of this Aryan, who emigrated and attacked the Fuehrer, is a shame for Germany."

Herr Thyssen fled from Germany a few weeks ago and is now in Switzerland.—Havas.

POPE PIUS ENDING LONG 'FEUD'

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Vatican City, Yesterday.

His Holiness the Pope has announced that he is returning the visit paid to Vatican City by the Italian Royal Family.

The Pontiff's decision constitutes a departure from tradition since no Pope has ever entered the Italian Royal Palace since 1870, when the Italian army entered Rome, which had hitherto been the capital of the Papal States.

The Pope's action is seen as aiming to effect a total reconciliation between the Vatican and the House of Savoy.—Havas.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO HOLLAND

The Hague, Yesterday.

In a special Christmas broadcast, Queen Wilhelmina called on her country's defence services to persevere in their task of safeguarding the peace and welfare of themselves and of Dutch possessions overseas.

She expressed the hope that during Christmas God's message of peace would be understood by nations throughout the world.—Reuter.

JEALOUSY ASSAULT

A CHINESE MOVIE ACTOR, FAN KWOK-FEI, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. T. J. HOUSTON YESTERDAY WITH ASSAULT.

Another man was walking with the defendant's wife, Tsang Wai-ching. Defendant attacked him with pepper.

Defendant said his wife had left him on December 15. He met Law Hung-tak with his wife, and was actuated by jealousy.

Defendant was fined $50.

NAZI STORY OF LOSS OF COLUMBUS

Berlin, Yesterday.

The 32,000-ton liner Columbus was fired on by a British cruiser while she was in the United States "safety zone," official Nazi sources claim.

They state they base this allegation on a statement by the captain that he decided to scuttle his ship after a British warship fired across his bow.

"The British clearly violate the safety zone, even so far as merchantships are concerned," say these same Nazi sources.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, has already announced that the British ship did not engage the Columbus in a naval action.—Reuter.

U.S. HEALTH EXPERTS TO FINLAND

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Washington, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt has approved the despatch of two American health officers for special medical duties to fight a typhoid epidemic in Finland.

In approving this, he said that the present outbreak is the first inroad this type of fever has made in the bracing climate of Finland.

It is understood that medical officers at present serving in Paris and Berlin are the two men being sent to Finland to co-operate with the Finnish Government to fight the epidemic.—Havas.

FREAKISH SOVIET TRICK

Helsinki, Yesterday.

Puzzlement and surprise is expressed at reports that Soviet bombers in certain areas have dropped leaflets urging the Finns to hold out against the Soviet troops until the Russian workers could arise in revolt and force the U.S.S.R. to make peace.

One Soviet aeroplane is said to have dropped the leaflets over the Karelian Isthmus and similiar cases are reported from other parts of Finland.

Some circles believe that the pamphlets may be a ruse to soften Finnish resistance by fostering a false sense of security and hope.—Reuter.

NEW NAZI "MENACE" DISPROVED

Paris, Yesterday.

A French War Office spokesman said yesterday, that reports that the Nazis had concentrated 350,000 more troops along the Dutch and Belgian front'ers were unfounded.

There has been no change in the dispositions of German troops, he said.—Reuter.

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THE LAND BLOCKADE

BY GEN. LOUIS MAURIN

former French Minister of War

BLOCKADE is one of the burning questions of the hour.

In France, the Prime Minister has just created a Purchasing Committee whose composition recalls that of the Restrictions Committee of 1916, but with a fundamental difference, in that the Ministries concerned are no longer represented by liaison officers but by the actual Ministers themselves. It is no longer an advisory committee, but an executive body, taking immediate decisions. It is vitally concerned with the land blockade of Germany which is now being carried out in addition to the sea blockade so effectively maintained by the Allied Fleets.

The war is at present in the nature of a siege, since each belligerent remains for the moment behind his fortified lines. There are invariably two means of reducing such fortresses—breach or siege, and an integral part of siege operations is the blockade.

The continental land blockade attempted by Napoleon I against England war, was without doubt, the beginning of the long struggle which ended with Waterloo. The Napoleonic enterprise was doomed to failure, for since Trafalgar Great Britain had possessed the mastery of the seas.

It was precisely this sea mastery which, in 1914, permitted the Allies to organise the successful Continental blockade of Germany on her land frontiers.

Never Absolute

To tell the truth, that land blockade of 1914-18, owing to the respect paid to the rights of neutrals and the lack of definite liaison between the Allies, was never absolute and, in any case, took some time to become effective. Even in France, no one realised its importance at the outset and it is well worth recalling the hesitation and the diffidence of the French Government of that day.

In January 1916 there existed in France a body known as the "Committee of Restriction of Enemy Supplies," or rather, of "Restrictions" pure and simple. I was attached to that Committee as representative of General Gallieni, then Minister of War, and from the first meeting I realised that though the members were highly skilled men, fully in touch with affairs and capable of making valuable reports, they lacked the one essential—a chief. In fact, the transformation of the Committee into a Ministry of Blockade was at that moment in abeyance, principally owing to the difficulty of choosing a Minister.

As for the liaison with the British, it cannot be said that it was non-existent! The Counter Admiral who presided even explained that he had gone to England and that he had attended a meeting of a parallel organisation, which had handled in a similar way questions analogous to those discussed by the French committee. Similitude, analogy, parallelism!—so many words which clearly showed that at that time one was far from that unity of views and action which at present characterises the economic as well as the military action of the Allies. To-day they are carrying out a concerted, carefully planned and most effective sea and land blockade of Germany.

Two Methods

The land blockade has two methods, apart from actual military action, of achieving its object—namely to deny to the enemy his vital supplies.

The first method is to undertake to buy from a neutral country all such natural or industrial products as may be regarded as supplies for Germany. The sale of such products en masse by the neutral might be considered as incompatible with neutrality and it is therefore necessary to negotiate in detail—a fairly delicate matter, in particular if one does not desire to waste money!

The second is to compete with and to beat Germany in the actual purchase of supplies. In the field of direct purchase, the victory is already in sight, for it is clear that direct purchases can hardly be negotiated by the Reich, which lacks foreign exchange and will feel the pinch more and more now that—after Germany's flagrant violation of international maritime law by the use of magnetic mines—all the Reich's export will be subject to blockade. In barter transactions—virtually the only remaining hope for Germany—the Allies are also well placed, though here the system is complicated and prolonged by the fact that a series of detailed agreements with each country is necessary.

The Primary Aim

It is obvious that a land blockade of this nature, respecting the rights of neutrals with scruples which are entirely unknown on the other side of the Rhine, cannot be so absolute as the blockade on the high seas. Germany will certainly be sorely disappointed in respect of many supplies, but a certain part of her land imports will be beyond the control of the Allies.

However, it is not necessary that Germany's shortage should extend to all commodities. Such an extension may be desirable, but from the military point of view it is only necessary that lack of petrol and oil should paralyse Germany's transport, that lack of copper and certain metals should be fatal to Germany's armament industry. It is for the French and British Blockade Ministers to establish the list of indispensable materials—and to act accordingly.

That the blockade is proving successful—this famous blockade which Germany pretends to regard as inoperative in view of her admirable foresight!—is proved by the efforts made to defeat it.

Here one touches upon the question of the German mines in the North Sea. Is this the method by which Hitler boasted that he would destroy the British Empire in record time? Can there now be anyone in the world who has not realised what is meant by "Deutschland ueber Alles"?—who has not realised that this slogan means, for Germany, that she places herself above every consideration, including the conventions to which she has adhered, in particular when the object of these conventions is the protection of human life?

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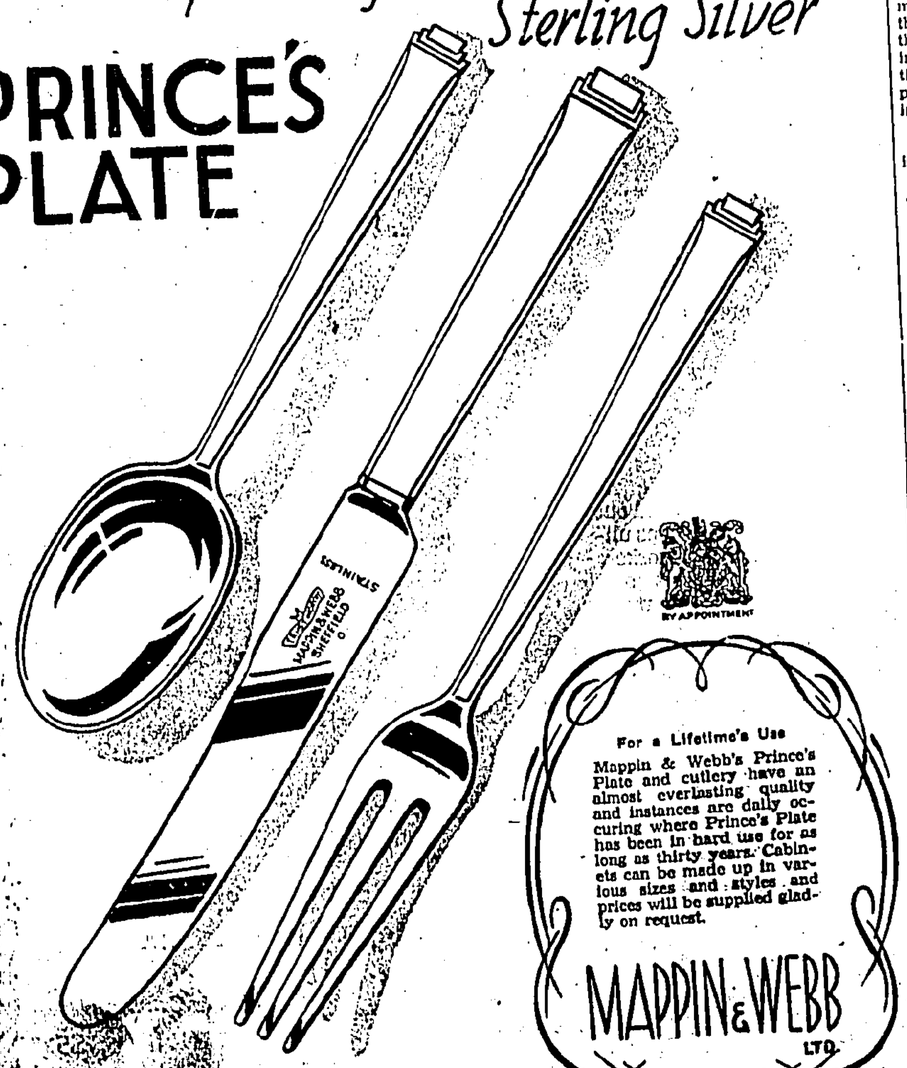

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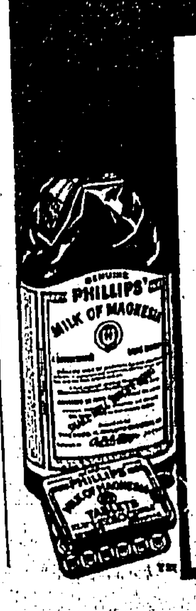

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RUSSIA'S ADVANCE INTO EUROPE

By Professor FERRERO

Professor of Modern History At the Geneva University

Russia, throughout her history, can be compared with a kind of pachyderm, huge in size but very slow of movement. A cumbrous sloth is her national characteristic, but suddenly, in September last, the pachyderm nerved itself to a panther's leap, in three or four weeks, it laid back a march towards the west which may have the most serious consequences. It occupied a large part of Poland, it is now attempting the conquest of Finland, it has attained a dominant position in the Baltic. Such rapid progress is unprecedented and almost a miracle in Russian history. How can it be explained?

Creation Of A Vacuum

After the German invasion of Poland in September the European system established by the treaties of 1919 fell to the ground, and the disappearance of this system created a vacuum in which Russia is now manoeuvering. This is the whole explanation of this extraordinary new departure.

How was this vacuum formed? On the one hand, the violent German invasion of Poland facilitated the advance of the Muscovite troops and deprived their enterprise of all danger. At the same time, if Russia had remained inert, there was the peril of the whole of Poland being occupied by Germany. This was the vacuum that attracted Russia and enabled her, for the first time in her history, to progress so rapidly towards the west.

Amazing Result Of Accord

Russia's re-entry into European politics is therefore the direct consequence of the disintegration of the European system created in 1919, a disintegration which came about as a result of the series of wars and revolutions which have taken place during the last ten years—the two Japanese invasions of China in 1931 and 1937, the invasion of Abyssinia, the Spanish War and the ensuing Continental and Mediterranean complications, the Anschluss and its consequences—Munich, the establishment of a Protectorate in Bohemia and so forth. But who were the authors of these wars and revolutions? The four powers of the Anti-Comintern Pact!

The great anti-Soviet alliance, which was intended to thrust Russia back to the North Pole, has re-opened to Russia the gates of Europe! This is the incredible process which has taken place during the past few months. If all anti-Soviet coalitions were to have a similar result, it would be to Russia's interest that they should be more and more numerous. It is one of the most extravagant paradoxes of history. But what is its underlying meaning? The question is one of the most important of those which are now being put to the belligerents, for this paradox, which has passed almost unnoticed by public opinion at large, dominates the situation. The explanation must be sought in the extraordinary chaos of ideas that emerged in Europe after 1919, and in an error which was one of the fundamental causes of this general confusion. It is an error which is widespread among the upper classes in the whole of Europe and consists in the belief that there is an essential difference between the nature of Soviet Russia and that of the other totalitarian states of central Europe. It is owing to this mistake that the signatories to the Anti-Comintern Pact themselves believed that the Pact might constitute a barrier to a Russian advance in Europe and Asia.

Identity In Ideology

There never have been, and there never will be two absolutely identical regimes in the world. The totalitarian governments of central Europe differ between themselves as they differ from Moscow. But they have a common feature which proves the identity of their nature and which is therefore much more important than any difference. This common feature is that they all accept in theory, as the basis of the State, the doctrine of the sovereignty of the People. The application of this doctrine, however, is the exact reverse of what it really means, since, under these systems, the masses are reduced to slavery. The will of the people is deflected and violated constantly and by methods which are the same under all these regimes. The doctrine in question thus degenerates into a system of "dust in the eyes" which is common to all the totalitarian governments and compels them to act in a similar manner when confronted by important problems affecting the existence of the regime. Surprising examples of this have been furnished during the past few months—and it is likely that there will be more of them.

I believe that it is even possible to venture a more definite prediction. If the totalitarian regimes of central Europe survive in whole or in part the present war, and if no radical changes take place in Russia, it is extremely probable that they will draw nearer and nearer to Moscow, that the latter, in short, will become their model. They have, as a matter of fact, aligned themselves more and more on this system during the past two or three years, and the reason is simple: the Moscow Government represents the most coherent and the most complete application of the totalitarian formula.

What Is Right Of Property?

What is the essential difference between the Moscow Government and the other totalitarian governments of Europe? It is that Moscow, at least in theory, denies absolutely the right of property, whereas the other totalitarian governments accord it a limited recognition. But what is the right of property? A particular form of liberty, namely, the ability to dispose freely of one's labour, of the product of that labour and also of inherited property. But why should a regime which has abolished all the other liberties—freedom of thought, of conscience, of the Press, of speech and of movement—respect the special form of liberty represented by property? If the exclusive right of thought, decision and action is vested in the government on behalf and in lieu of all its subjects and in all other spheres of social life, it is difficult to understand why that government should renounce the direction of business activity and should not seize upon all sources of wealth just as it has annexed all the instruments of intellectual and social activity.

Democracies Must Realise

A part of Europe has for long deceived itself into thinking that those totalitarian states which have not yet gone over to Communism might constitute a serious defence against the latter. The real defence against Communism lies in the great principles of liberal and democratic civilization created during the nineteenth century. In this war, these principles are represented by Great Britain and France. If the west is to be saved from Bolshevism, its governments and its peoples must realize to the full for what they are fighting amidst the extraordinary confusion of the age. This has not always been the case during the last few years.

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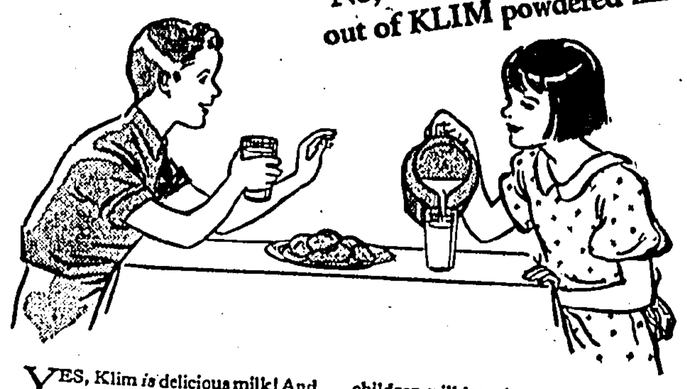

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Hitler's Theory Of Total War Should Be Countered By Allied Theory Of Total Peace

Re-Building Of New Europe

By M. PIERRE COT,
France's Former Air Minister

MANY neutrals, I imagine, hold the following reasoning: "Germany is fighting for her own interests. She wishes to establish her supremacy in Europe. She wants to keep what she has conquered, by violence or trickery, in Austria, in Czecho-Slovakia and in Poland. She demands new markets in Central Europe and in the colonies. She claims the right of the most densely populated, of the strongest and—according to her—the most intelligent and active nation. France and Great Britain, on the other hand, are fighting not only for their own safety. They wish each citizen, whatever his religion, nationality or race, to be protected in his honour and dignity. They demand that all nations shall have the same rights and the same duties."

This is the meaning behind the war. Chancellor Hitler speaks only German and the language of National Socialism. Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier speak in words that can be understood by all.

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Negative Aspect

But this is the negative aspect of the conflict. It is all very well to aspire to prevent Hitlerism from dominating Europe, but it is not enough. The great question which preoccupies public opinion, both in the belligerent and in the neutral countries, is to know by what the existing system is going to be replaced, what use the Allies propose to make of their victory?

Even if rid of Hitler and his methods, the Europe of 1939 cannot satisfy anyone. The Austrians, the Czecho-Slovaks and the Poles — to mention only these peoples — have a right to something more than their present status.

Nor would the Europe of 1939 be satisfactory. Facts have proved that the Treaties of 1919 were inadequate to safeguard the peace. These unfortunate Treaties are criticised, sometimes excessively, by public opinion in most countries. I would add that it is above all the manner in which they were applied that left much to be desired. The provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations concerning disarmament, economic freedom, collective security and the pacific revision of treaties were weak, not to say timid, and efforts were made to elude, discredit and destroy, instead of honestly applying and strengthening them.

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Three Main Ideas

But what kind of Europe do the Nations propose to build up? It would be dangerous to arrive at the Peace Conference without plan and preparation. Just as yesterday, under the menace of Hitlerism, the Allies were obliged, while at peace, to prepare for war, so to-day, while at war, they must elaborate their programme of peace.

This question merits examination. There are three ideas which appear to me to dominate the whole discussion.

First—what methods should be adopted? In this connection, I wish to make two observations.

France and Great Britain are pursuing the war in full agreement with each other, similarly, the plans for a new Europe would be established in close collaboration between these two nations. This is my first observation.

At no cost must there seem to be any Franco-British differences of opinion in this respect.

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Mixed Commission

This would be a weakness that would be immediately exploited by German propaganda. For the purposes of such collaboration, the inter-Parliamentary group, headed by General Spears and M. Yvon Delbos would appear called upon to play an essential part. I could wish that a mixed commission, including French and British members of Parliament and experts, might be set up for the study of these problems.

My second observation is as follows: This collaboration between Britain and France must be widened and enlarged at the earliest date possible. For the study of the peace plans, it is necessary to obtain the co-operation of the neutral powers, or at any rate of such neutrals as have the same ideals as the Allies, and, like the latter, desire the suppression of international methods based upon falsehood and violence. Take, for instance, the case of the United States. Whatever the policy she may see fit to pursue during the war, that country will have much to say in the reconstruction of Europe, since her position as mistress of supplies of gold and credit is constantly gaining in importance. It is therefore necessary to consult the United States and to interest her in the good cause. Now, both in England and in France, there are numerous associations specialising in the study of international problems. Those associations have branches or correspondents in all neutral countries. They can and must play an important part in the elaboration of the Peace Statute. So much for the methods to be employed.

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Frontier Question

Secondly: to raise at this juncture the question of the frontiers of a new Europe would be difficult and dangerous.

On this point, Mr. Winston Churchill has said virtually all that can be said for the moment. The cards are not yet dealt, and the number of the Statues upon whose assistance the Allies may be able to count in the long run is still an unknown factor. It is as well not to count chickens before they are hatched. To Mr. Churchill's arguments I would like to add two others.

No one knows what Germany will do. Enslaved by Hitler, she is still an unknown quantity. She may revolt against the man by whose lies and methods she is dishonoured. On the other hand, she may remain perverted, intoxicated and dominated by Hitlerism up to the final defeat at the bitter end. It would be neither just nor politic to treat a Germany having divested herself of Hitlerism in the same way as a Germany which adhered to these pernicious doctrines up to the last gasp.

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Secret Of Security

Then again, the prosperity and the security of a new age will not depend upon the actual frontiers. Even supposing that Germany is split up into a number of small States—which would be neither reasonable nor possible—nothing could prevent these States, in ten, twenty or thirty years, from re-grouping themselves under the standard of another agitator. The Allies were unable to oppose the incorporation of Austria in the Third Reich or the annexation of Czecho-Slovakia. They would probably be just as powerless, some twenty years after the peace, to prevent the more natural reunion of Bavaria and Prussia.

The secret of security and European appeasement must therefore be discovered by other means and here I come to my third idea—a European Federation.

In whatever way the problem is envisaged, it is impossible to escape the necessity of a European organisation assuring the security of each nation. The preparatory work for a programme of peace must therefore bear upon the political, administrative, legal and even the military system to be conferred upon the new Europe.

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United States Of Europe

The idea of a European organisation has at present gained ground in Anglo-Saxon circles. It is accepted by British statesmen and is favourably regarded by the Americans. Is it necessary to recall that the originator of this idea was a Frenchman—Aristide Briand?

People will object: "Yes, but Briand's efforts failed." That is true, but is no reason why his plans should not be subjected to re-examination, brought up to date and re-inforced. Briand's efforts failed because the states refused to renounce any atom of their sovereignty, each wished finally to remain master of its decisions. But the lessons of experience must not be disregarded. It is necessary to choose between the obsolete dogma of absolute sovereignty, and security. Just as the main problem of constitutional law and domestic policy is to reconcile the rights and the freedom of individuals, so the problem of international law and policy is to reconcile national liberty and the requirements of European order and peace.

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Total Peace

Paul Reynaud said recently that Hitler's theory of Total War should be countered on the Allied side by a theory of Total Peace. To define and codify this conception is the duty and the urgent task of all men of good will in the Allied and in the neutral states.

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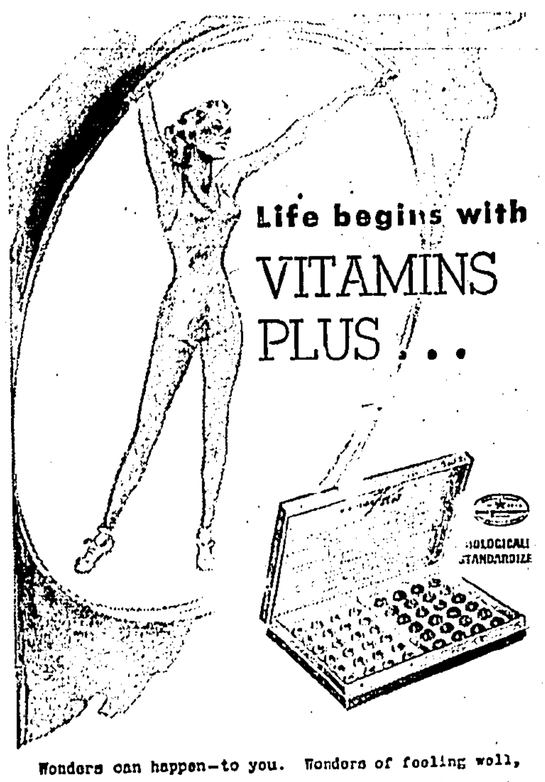

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LIGHTING TESTS SUCCEED

London, Yesterday.

Government street-lighting experiments in London have reached the stage where, unless there is a last-minute hitch, there is strong hope of final success.

During the last few nights there has been aerial observation, and it is understood that this, the most stringent test, has been successful.

Final experiments are now being made and an announcement is likely to be made soon.

The lighting will enable pedestrians to get about without difficulty, but nothing can be seen from the air.

Experiments on this form of lighting have been going on for some weeks. At least six different forms had been found to be unsatisfactory.

The tests are being made by a committee composed of Home Office and Illuminating Engineering Society experts.

SHADED BLUE LIGHTS

Pedestrians in the black-out in Ealing Broadway last night were surprised to find themselves suddenly bathed in a soft blue light from lamps which were high up on two standards. It was possible to read the heavier type in newspapers.

This was not a Home Office experiment. The Ealing Council were experimenting with shaded blue lights which illuminate road islands to indicate to pedestrians a safe place to cross the road, and to aid drivers.

There were also experiments in Camden High-street, N.—Our Own Correspondent.

LINDBERGH RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY.

COLONEL LINDBERGH HAS RESIGNED FROM THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, said that he had received this information with a letter from the chairman of the N.A.C.A. explaining Colonel Lindbergh's resignation.—Reuter.

Hitler May Try To Extend The War Against Britain

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SIEGFRIED LINE BEING EXTENDED

London, Yesterday.

The Siegfried Line is now undergoing an extension eastwards along the Rhine as far as Lake Constance, authoritative sources revealed yesterday.

They do not attempt to speculate on the meaning of this construction.—Reuter.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS

Stockholm, Yesterday.

The Swedish Committee to Aid Finland against Russia, which is headed by the Chief of the Northern Museum of Stockholm, announces that the volunteer unit in Finland will fight under a Finnish Army General.

This General was in the Swedish Army until the end of the World War, when he was sent to Finland to fight Bolshevists.—Reuter.

DREAM OF SOVIET ATTACK ON INDIA

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

The deadlock on the Western Front and the unwillingness of the German Army commanders to risk an offensive against the Maginot Line has led the Nazi leaders to consider the possibility of striking at the Allies in some other part of the world.

There is every indication that the advantages and disadvantages of an attempt to spread the war to Asia Minor and India are now being discussed by Hitler's War Council.

The Berlin correspondent of the Amsterdam "Telegraaf" reports that Germany's leaders are dreaming of a Russian march through Afghanistan against British India. They are encouraged by reports of renewed fighting in Waziristan and by the marked improvement in relations between the Reich and Iran.

How far Russia would be willing to fall in with these ideas is, of course, another question. At present she has her hands full in the Baltic and may soon be engaged in another adventure in the Balkans, but it would obviously be to Germany's advantage to divert her attention elsewhere, especially if the war effort of the Allies was thereby divided.

AN INVITATION TO MOSCOW

It is significant that the "Voelkischer Beobachter," the official Nazi party organ, has chosen this moment to publish an article about the possibility of a Russo-Turkish war. It gives a favourable estimate of Russia's chances, and the whole article is practically an invitation to Moscow not to miss a good opportunity.

The clouds are gathering about Asia Minor, states the paper. The French have concentrated troops in Syria, the British in Egypt and the Turks on the Caucasus front, while Russia, in reply, has reinforced her troops in Trans-Caucasia and Central Asia.

It expresses the opinion that in the event of a Russian offensive in Caucasia, Turkey could expect little assistance from Britain and France. Russia could then strike southwards towards the Tigris and the Mosul oil region and threaten the pipe line to Haifa.

"One sees," concludes the paper, "that the possibilities for the Russians are clear and that the anxiety of the Western Powers is comprehensible. If the British intervene in a Russo-Turkish war the attitude of the Kurds, Irak, Syria and the Arabs will assume great importance.

THREAT TO INDIA

"Once more the old antagonism between Britain and Russia is coming into the foreground, and again the threat to India will play an important part.

"The idea of repeating the conquest of Alexander the Great has seriously occupied men like Napoleon and Field-Marshal von der Goltz. With modern means of communication it is possible.

"The Power which is in a position to carry out this plan is Russia, starting from her territory in Central Asia, and depending on her more and more extensive railway system."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf" states that this article has caused a sensation both in German and foreign circles in Berlin. It has provided some authoritative backing for the belief that the war may ultimately spread from Europe to Asia.

GERMAN FORCES TO-DAY

Some interesting facts about the present composition of the German forces in the field are revealed in articles contributed to the "Westfaelische Landeszeitung" by its military correspondent, Capt. von Rosenthal.

Recalling the heavy losses suffered by young untrained troops at the beginning of the last war, Capt. von Rosenthal states that on this occasion only troops which have been through a very thorough training are being employed.

In accordance with this principle older men who had taken part in the last war were called up when the German forces were mobilised, and consequently the average age of the German Army was now considerably above the normal. As more younger men completed their training and became fit for employment in the field the veterans of the last war would be gradually demobilised.—Our Own Correspondent.

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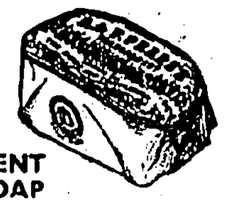

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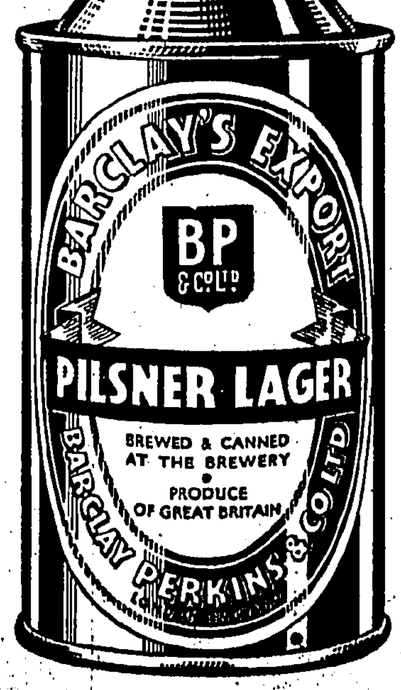

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The Women Of England And Of Germany

Scope for Hitlerism

By "CIVIS"

ONE of the features of political life in England just before the last war was the loud and incessant demand of women for the parliamentary vote. They already possessed a vote in municipal elections which really decided the social policy of the counties, towns, and villages of the country, a matter in which one thought they should concern themselves, but what they wanted was a voice in the really important legislative assembly—the House of Commons.

At first Mrs. Pankhurst and her daughters, though they were not the only pioneers, in the movement, were treated with a certain amount of amused contempt. When Lord Hugh Cecil was asked whether he approved of the vote for women, he said he thought it was quite a ladylike and normal gesture to put a cross to a man's name. It was a happy symbol. But when these women became militant, on the advice, it was said of Hobson, the Economist, politicians could no longer ignore them. Minor crimes were followed by imprisonment, hunger strikes, forcible feeding and irritation on the part of every one. So strongly did one lady, a Miss Taylor, feel about the matter that she threw herself in front of the King's horse while it was running in the Derby and was killed. But when the war came in 1914, the women promptly abandoned their militant tactics and their demand for the vote, and became most ardent and energetic supporters in every activity of the war that was open for them.

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Women Get The Vote

The most efficient of the Waacs, the Wrens, the V.A.D. and the land girls, were, in many cases, women who had been loudest in their clamour for the parliamentary vote. Then after the victory had been won over Germany and her allies in 1918, a grateful country conferred out of goodwill on women in 1920 the right to vote, a right they could not obtain by violence. To Mrs. Pankhurst, who had been for so long a thorn in flesh of many elderly statesmen, a statue was erected in Parliament Square.

Since then several women have sat in the House of Commons, and one, Margaret Bondfield, even reached Cabinet rank in the Labour Government, while many now occupy seats on the magistrates' bench, sit on Royal Commissions and in fact can occupy almost any post that is open to a man. The movement was partly a reaction from the tyranny of the Victorian home, which gave quite a prominent place to the father and sons and an insignificant place to the wife and daughters. It is interesting to note that German influence was strong in England at this time.

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Revolt Against Victorianism

The reaction and revolt to the Victorian system put an end to the dictatorship of the father such as one saw for example in the play "The Barretts of Wimpole Street", for such authority could only be exercised provided the women continued to remain docile. Being made of sterner stuff they refused, and women like Elizabeth Barrett Browning paved the way for the freer and more honourable status. The vote to the women became a symbol of freedom, and a recognition of equality in the sphere of human rights.

What has been the result of this vast change in Britain's political life?

Most people would agree that social legislation has benefited enormously as a result of women's participation in national affairs. Though women members of parliament form an insignificant minority they are far from being ignored, and the fact that members are so heavily dependent on the women's vote means that certain measures which affect women and children cannot be neglected.

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More Than A Coincidence

Most people will agree that it is more than a coincidence that the social improvements, which have distinguished British policy in the past twenty years, have been secured since women have had the vote. In the realm of education alone the great development of nursery schools is due to the energy and idealism of two social workers—Rachel and Margaret Macmillan, who started the schools in Bradford and lived to see them copied by every educational authority in England.

The kindergarten system too has been transformed to something finer than existed before and that has been brought about again by the women. There is certainly no country in the world to-day that has a healthier tone in its national schools than Great Britain.

The juvenile courts, the more humane treatment of young criminals, the substitution of common sense treatment, and re-education, for the old retributive and repressive discipline in such cases, owe much of their success to the initiative and practical work of women. So one might go on to factory legislation, SH—the women of England & Ger—2 administered by women inspectors such as Dame Adelaide Anderson, slum clearance, provision of playing fields, improved poor law administration and to more restraint in drinking. Then we have had none of those unseemly rows in the House of Commons since the women went into Parliament, and the Southern Irish members passed out.

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Bearing On The War

What bearing has all this on the present war? Surely it means that the heart of the country is sound, that its body is healthy and its head clear and capable of right thinking, for obviously the style of life is set for youth in its earliest years, and if that period is rightly supervised by a sensible mother the remainder of life must be in accordance with the ideals then established.

When we turn to the women of Germany we do not find that they enjoy that wholesome freedom which British women possess. There we have a different policy. Germany is a fatherland while England is a motherland. There the woman is an instrument, a means but not an end in herself. She accepts the role willingly, let it be said, and that role is to be a good mother. Not a bad ideal, but for the most part it implies that her function is to be a good healthy animal rather than a refined cultured human being. They seem to have duties but no rights and worse still no leader to demand them.

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Abdication In The Reich

We do not hear of a woman's movement in Germany. There are no distinguished women leaders. We look in vain for well known women writers and thinkers fit to compare with Ellen Wilkinson, Mrs. Sydney Webb, Winifred Holtby, Virginia Wolfe, Jane Harrison or a Madame Curie, because women are not encouraged to advance to the higher educational levels. They are not excluded from the universities, but they are certainly not encouraged to go there.

It is because women in Germany have abdicated from their rightful position or because they have never occupied it, that they exert no kind of influence on German thought or action, except in obedience to the orders from their Fuehrer.

That is why German policy is characterised by ruthlessness, iron discipline and rigidity. That is why German airmen are applauded when they bomb and machine-gun defenceless trawlers, and unarmed merchant ships. There is practically no refining influence at work in Germany, for not only do the rulers exclude the women from positions of authority where they might exert their influence, they also prevent them reaching to that level educationally which alone would enable them to criticise men's actions intelligently.

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Growing Up "Hard"

The youth then grows up 'hard'; that is the word Hitler uses in addressing the Jugend. "You must become hard", he says, "not only in body but in mind."

It is the blood and iron policy of Bismarck over again.

From such a matrix the cast is made which gives us the men who destroy the independence of Czecho-Slovakia, devastate little Poland and attack that which is grossly inferior in power to themselves; and when confronted with strength approximating to their own flee into neutral harbours and complain of the harshness of other nation's treatment; in short, it produces the bully and the Fuehrer, the perfect example of this type of breeding, as Dr. Hermann Rauschning demonstrates by the excerpts from his book: "Hitler Speaks," which the 'China Mail' has recently published.

It would appear then that in order to secure a less warlike and menacing Germany, one of the Allied war aims should be the emancipation of German women. Then the youth who at present acquire that dictatorial outlook in the home will come under feminine control, and perhaps become more chivalrous, less conceited and more tolerant in later life.

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DISGRACEFUL OUTRAGE

Officer's Story Of The Sinking Of "Sliedrecht"

ALLIED TRADE POLICY

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER AND THE FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR CLOSE CONTINUOUS ANGLO-FRENCH CO-OPERATION IN THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SPHERES, THE FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS DECIDED SOME TIME AGO WILL OPERATE AS FROM THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY, 1940.

There will be some further increase in permitted imports of most kinds of textiles and apparel from France.

Licences will also be issued for the importation from France of increased quantities of footwear, shellfish, slates and one or two other products.

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STILL IN HOSPITAL AFTER MONTH FROM TIME OF RESCUE

London, Yesterday.

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE to tell a fuller story of the sinking of the Dutch tanker Sliedrecht by a U-boat.

This neutral ship, bound for a neutral port, was sunk 150 miles from land in bad weather, and no provision whatever was made for the safety of the crew.

It will be recollected that German sought to cover up this disgraceful act by claiming that a British Q-ship flying Dutch colours had been sunk by a U-boat in the Atlantic.

NAZI NOTE REJECTED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Montevideo, Yesterday.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Guani, yesterday handed to the German Minister a Note rejecting the German protest against the refusal to grant the Admiral Graf Spee further delays.

The Note pointed out that Uruguay observed the Hague Conventions. — Havas.

HEAVY FINE

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday, Chan Mun, 32, was charged with practising as a doctor without being duly registered.

Detective Inspector A. L. Hopkins said that, with Dr. Valentine, he visited defendant's premises on December 22. A Chinese detective was sent there as a patient. Defendant was a registered doctor in Canton.

A fine of $200 was imposed.

Mrs. Parret, of No. 5, Felix Villas, has reported the theft of a handbag and contents from her car No. 5374, which was parked outside her residence, at about 8 a.m. yesterday.

This claim was naturally dropped when five members of the crew of the Sliedrecht reached a west coast port after being adrift in an open boat in the Atlantic for seven and a half days before being picked up by a British trawler.

Pieter Brons, Mate of the Sliedrecht, who comes from Vlaardingen, in Holland, said in an interview in hospital that the Sliedrecht was about 150 miles west of Ireland at 8.30 p.m. on November 16, when a German submarine signalled her to heave to.

A small boat was launched and Brons and four others rowed across, but owing to the high swell it was with difficulty that they could get alongside the submarine.

After examining the ship's papers the submarine commander said he would have to sink the Sliedrecht and gave half an hour to abandon ship.

"We told him it was a neutral ship bound for a neutral port, but he said he would still have to sink it," explained Brons.

NO ROOM

"We then asked him to take us aboard the submarine and transfer us to another vessel but he refused, saying he had no room.

"The commander warned us that if we made any distress signals we would be immediately sunk without further warning.

"The sea was so rough that we took nearly half an hour to row back, and we only had time to yell to those on board to abandon ship.

"The remaining 26 of the crew then launched a lifeboat and rowed away from the tanker.

"Soon afterwards the submarine fired a torpedo which exploded with a terrific flash.

"After the ship had sunk we stayed near the spot in the hope of being picked up by another ship but none came in sight."

BOAT DISAPPEARS

The Mate of the Sliedrecht went on to describe the efforts of the boat he was in to get in touch with the other boat, which was overcrowded. It had disappeared when dawn came.

"Towards evening of the day following the sinking of our boat the weather got worse and we set a course as best we could for the east, hoping the wind would blow us towards the Irish Coast in spite of the northward drift of the Gulf Stream.

"We had no compass and relied on the stars when we could see them. We had a little bread and water on board and this was all the food we had."

The survivors were never dry, and after enduring cold and hunger for seven days, they at last sighted land on the night of November 22-23, and in the morning they hailed the trawler Merisa after passing Barra Head lighthouse.

HAD TO BE CARRIED...

They were so exhausted that they had to be carried out of their small boat.

The trawler conveyed them to Oban, where they were conveyed by ambulance to the West Highland Cottage Hospital.—British Wireless.

U.S. WHEAT CROP

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Washington, Yesterday.

The Department of Agriculture announces that the winter wheat crop for 1939 amounts to 399,000,000 bushels, the smallest since 1925.

The shortage was due to severe drought; however, the bad Winter crop is compensated by the Spring figures.—Havas.

ADDS TO OFFENCE

Charged with riding a bicycle without a light and with offering a 50-cent bribe to an Indian constable in Kowloon City, Hui Hung-ting, 26, printer, was fined $17 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon yesterday.

FULL STORY OF NORTH SEA BATTLE

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

IN CONNEXION WITH THE OFFICIAL AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE REPORTING THE AERIAL ENGAGEMENT WITH A HEINKEL III. OFF THE FIRTH OF FORTH, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT A LARGE ROUND SPLASH OF FOAM ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER WAS SEEN BY AN R.A.F. FIGHTER COMMAND PILOT AFTER THE FIGHT WITH THE RAIDER.

According to this unofficial version of the encounter, when the Heinkels were first sighted flying towards the Scottish coast they were above two layers of cloud.

As soon as they saw the British fighters they dived to one layer.

A fighter followed, firing at one of the Heinkels immediately it was free of the cloud.

The fighter pilot's dive carried him below the Heinkel. He pulled up and went on firing from underneath the enemy.

His tracer ammunition seemed to go straight into the fusilage of the Heinkel.

The German air gunner answered back. One bullet pierced the tail end of the fighter's fusilage but did no serious damage.

The Heinkel was driven down and disappeared below the bottom layer of cloud.

Before it went, the British pilot and another who followed saw a puff of black smoke coming from the raider.

A third fighter pilot returning from pursuit of the second Heinkel saw a splash of foam below the place of combat.—British Wireless.

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Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations issued yesterday:

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INDUSTRIALS
Cements $16½ sa.
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Dairy Farms (New) $20.30 sa.
Watsons $8.70 b., $8.90 s.
MISCELLANEOUS
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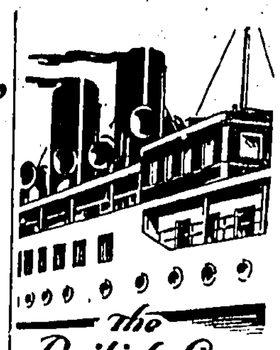
Mine Operation Ps. .11½ sa.
North Camarines Ps. .16½ sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .17 b.
San Mauricio Ps. .87 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .17 b.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .15 sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .025 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .34½ sa.

PLANS FOR ROYAL XMAS

London, Yesterday.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, arrived at Sandringham yesterday afternoon, where they are spending Christmas.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent are on their way to the West Country, where they spending the holidays with Queen Mary, Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra of Kent.—British Wireless.



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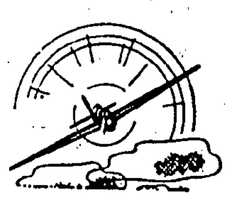

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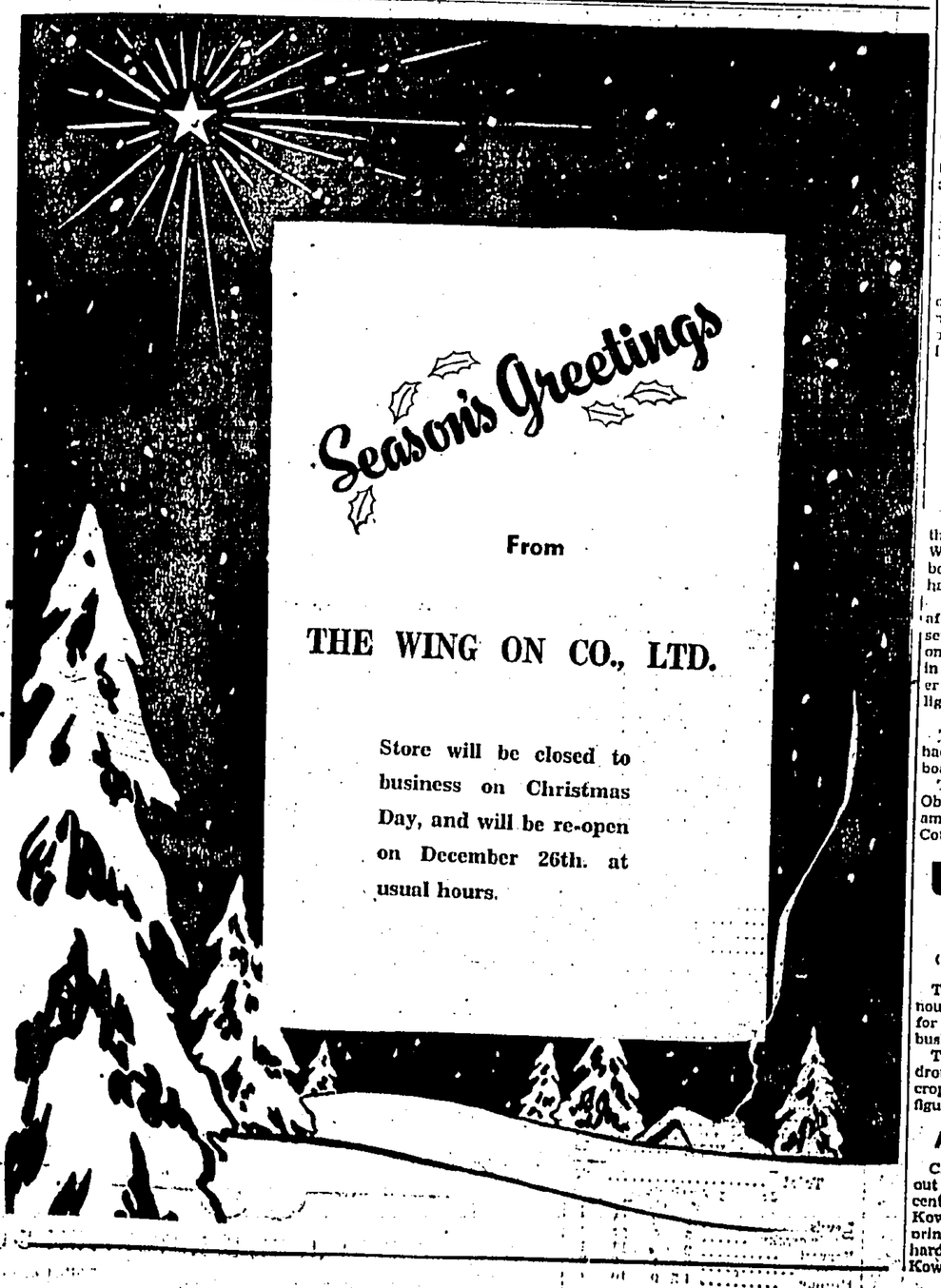

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SIXES AT H.K.C.C.

At Chater Road, Hong Kong Cricket Club drew with Club de Recreio in a friendly match.

Mitchell and Bishop added 50 for the sixth Club wicket, of which Bishop claimed 32, including six boundaries, and Mitchell and Lawrence then added 73 in an unbroken seventh wicket stand, Lawrence hitting two sixes and five boundaries in his 50. Mitchell hit seven boundaries in his 50, scored out of 143.

Prata's 67 were scored out of 135 and included two sixes and nine boundaries.

HONG KONG C.C. 2ND XI

Brigadier McLeod, c Mendonca, b A. V. Gosano	3
R. S. W. Paterson, l.b.w., b J. E. Noronha	5
D. O. Parsons, c A. V. Gosano, b J. E. Noronha	11
H. J. Armstrong, c Mendonca, b J. E. Noronha	1
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	5
H. J. D. Lowe, b J. E. Noronha	1
C. W. E. Bishop, c J. E. Noronha, b Remedios	3
Capt. J. E. Lawrence, c A. V. Gosano, b Remedios	5
Extras (B1, LB1)	2
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	171

T. M. Sulter, D. S. Robb and W. Stoker did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. V. Gosano	12	0	58	1
J. E. Noronha	7	0	45	2
Remedios	4.7	0	43	2
Carvalho	2	0	17	0
Prata	1	0	6	0

RECREIO 2ND XI

H. M. Xavier, b Stoker	1
A. J. M. Prata, c Lawrence, b Lowe	67
M. A. Remedios, l.b.w., b Stoker	1
H. A. Barros, b Stoker	1
A. V. Gosano, run out	2
A. F. Noronha, l.b.w., b Robb	1
J. E. Noronha, not out	1
F. H. Carvalho, not out	5
Extras (B4, LB2)	6
Total (for 6 wkts.)	14

M. M Mendonca and A. A. Lopes did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stoker	10	2	29	3
Lowe	7	1	35	1
Parsons	2	0	28	0
Sulter	4	0	32	0
Robb	3	1	10	1

MATCH-WINNING SECOND WICKET PARTNERSHIP

A FINE stand between Kitchell and A. H. Madar enabled Indian Recreation Club to beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 wickets in the last five minutes of a high-scoring match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Kitchell and Madar added 73 runs for the second wicket, hoisting the 100 in less than 60 minutes.

K.C.C. had first lease of a hard but true wicket and Mackay and Hung batted steadily to add 56 runs for the first wicket. Hung made a correct 20 before being beaten by a beautiful ball from Minu. Mackay went on to score 67, including 13 fours, out of 95. He was dropped by A.-H. Rumjahn off an easy chance in the gully and again by Minu when 30 off a hard return drive.

Later K.C.C. batsmen went for the runs. R. T. Broadbridge, who hit Minu for four boundaries in one over, scored 18 and T. A. Madar hit hard after a quiet start for 20.

The I.R.C. attack was never impressive and their fielding was atrocious, at least 40 runs being given away.

I.R.C. found run-getting just as easy as their opponents, although both A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Kitchell were fortunate in snicking Lee for fours.

BOWLED BY PERFECT BALL

Rumjahn was batting confidently, scoring with nicely-timed strokes on the leg, when he was beaten by a perfect ball from Lee which just shaved his off stump with the total at 45.

Joined by A. H. Madar, who settled down immediately, Kitchell continued to score freely all round the wicket. His on-drives were particularly well-timed, but he was fortunate in that none of his fairly frequent mishits went to hand. He hit eight fours.

Madar batted with supreme confidence, and I.R.C. were almost assured of victory when he was brilliantly caught by E. F. Fincher on the leg boundary. He hit seven fours in a chanceless display.

With A. M. Rumjahn and M. P. Madar together, I.R.C. hit off the necessary runs in the last five minutes to end an interesting match.

Lee bowled more aggressively than he has done hitherto this season, while Lloyd, when he changed over to leg-theory, was difficult to get away. K.C.C. fielding was scrappy although no real chances were put down.

KOWLOON C.C.

N. A. E. Mackay, c and b A. H. Madar	67
D. Hung, b Minu	20
A. M. Baxter, b Minu	2
E. F. Fincher, b Madar	6
R. T. Broadbridge, c M. P. Madar, b Minu	18
T. A. Madar, c K. M. Rumjahn, b Bakar	20
W. L. Rapley, c A. M. Rumjahn, b Bakar	14
D. J. N. Anderson, c Ismail, b A. M. Rumjahn	1
N. D. Lloyd, c Kitchell, b A. M. Rumjahn	1
A. Zimmern, b Bakar	12
R. E. Lee, not out	0
Extras	0
Total	161

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. H. Madar	10	0	62	2
Minu	10	0	64	3
A. M. Rumjahn	3	1	16	2
A. Bakar	1.5	0	19	3

INDIAN R.C.

A. H. Rumjahn, b Lee	19
A. R. Kitchell, c Hung, b Lee	53
A. H. Madar, c Fincher, b Lloyd	50
A. M. Rumjahn, not out	31
M. P. Madar, not out	4
Extras (B5, LB1)	6
Total (for 3 wkts.)	163

S. A. Ismail, A. R. Minu, A. Bakar, K. M. Rumjahn, J. M. A. Rumjahn and S. Adam Ismail did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lee	11	0	64	2
Lloyd	11	2	66	1
Baxter	1	0	16	0
Anderson	1	0	11	0

'VARSITY DEFEATED

At Pokfulam, Civil Service Cricket Club beat University by 7 wickets in a friendly match.

UNIVERSITY

C. N. Matthews, run out	6
G. Hong Choy, b Perry	0
N. C. Sen Gupta, b Perry	0
Tum Kong-yee, b Whitley	3
K. S. Oh, c and b Bond	16
Kenneth Lo, b Whitley	2
V. Lingam, b Whitley	11
R. M. Soares, c Crutttwell, b Bond	3
S. Mahmood, not out	4
J. Tsui, c McLellan, b Richardson	19
R. Singh, c Perry, b Whitley	21
Extras (B2, WB1, NB1)	4
Total	89

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	7	4	16	2
McLellan	4	2	7	0
Whitley	3.2	2	5	4
Bond	4	0	25	2
Richardson	3	0	10	1
Barrow	2	1	2	0
Hollidge	2	0	20	0

C.S.C.C.

J. E. Richardson, b Mahmood	31
T. V. N. Fortescue, b Singh	0
D. Hollidge, b Hong Choy	16
A. E. Perry, b Singh	26
D. McLellan, b Mahmood	20
J. Barrow, b Kenneth Lo	20
H. J. Crutttwell, b Kenneth Lo	5
N. D. Whitley, not out	9
Extras (B23, LB4)	27
Total (for 7 wkts.)	163

V. C. Bond did not bat, and two players were absent.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Singh	5	0	25	2
Mahmood	7	1	38	2
Hong Choy	4	1	27	1
Soares	3	0	19	0
Kenneth Lo	3	0	17	2

H.K.C.C. IN TROUBLE AT RECREIO

On December 9 Hong Kong Cricket Club entertained Club de Recreio, League Cricket Champions, and were beaten by 128 runs. Yesterday at King's Park Recreio scored 155 for 7 declared and when stumps were drawn Club were 54 runs behind with three wickets to fall.

In scoring 67 out of 155, J. Gosano hit two sixes, off Stark and Haymes, and eight boundaries. Haymes scored his 42 out of 69, hitting five boundaries.

CLUB DE RECREIO

L. G. Gosano, b Ilsley	23
J. Gosano, not out	67
E. M. L. Soares, lbw., b Ilsley	0
W. A. Reed, c Carey, b T. A. Pearce	1
H. L. Ozorio, lbw., b T. A. Pearce	7
G. N. Gosano, b Haymes	7
N. Beltrao, run out	9
A. M. Rodrigues, lbw., b Haymes	1
A. P. Pereira, not out	5
Extras (B6, LB9)	15
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	155

C. C. Pereira and A. F. Noronha did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stark	4	0	20	0
T. A. Pearce	9	1	36	2
Ilsley	5	0	26	2
Haymes	5	0	23	2
J. Pearce	4	0	29	0

HONG KONG C.C.

D. de S. Carey, st. Beltrao, b Ozorio	7
T. A. Pearce, lbw., b Pereira	20
F. L. M. Haymes, run out	42
J. L. C. Pearce, c Ozorio, b G. Gosano	16
A. B. Whatman, b L. Gosano	0
R. D. Gillespie, b L. Gosano	0
D. G. Day, c Soares, b G. Gosano	3
W. G. Finnie, not out	0
J. L. Ilsley, not out	1
Extras (B11, NB1)	12
Total (for 7 wkts.)	101

C. M. Stark and J. H. Fox did not bat.

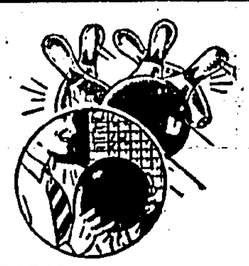
Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. P. Pereira	6	1	24	1
Ozorio	3	1	32	1
G. N. Gosano	5	0	31	2
L. G. Gosano	2	1	2	2

Ozorio bowled one no-ball.

BOXING DAY CRICKET

It is announced that an intra-club cricket match will be played at Kowloon Cricket Club on Boxing Day commencing at 11 a.m.



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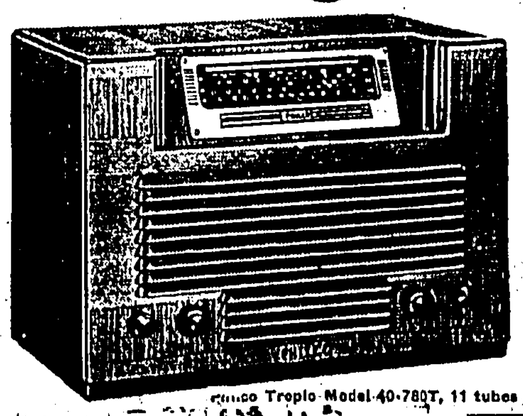

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MACAULEY BATS WELL

At the Valley, Police Recreation Club beat Diocesan Boys' School by 133 runs.

Going in at 29 for 1, Clarke scored his 73 out of 111, hitting 15 boundaries and taking part in a second wicket stand of 100 with Hunter. Heavily punished earlier in the innings, Whitfield secured his last three wickets for 13 runs to end up with 4 for 73 in nine overs.

Macauley, last out at 90, hit 10 boundaries in his 55. Lewis took three wickets in one over for 10 runs.

POLICE R.C.

A. E. Carey, c Whitfield, b Ebrahim	15
T. R. Hunter, b Youngsaye	34
W. L. Clarke, retired	73
P. H. Loughlin, b Whitfield	8
C. O. Pope, b Macauley	28
H. Danbrowsky, b Whitfield	21
A. Kirby, c Farnud, b Whitfield	12
E. Fyffe, not out	11
J. Lewis, b Whitfield	0
F. Forrest, not out	14
Extras (B8, WB1)	9
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	223

A. Estall did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Burch	9	0	65	0
Ebrahim	4	0	36	1
Whitfield	9	0	73	4
Macauley	3	0	24	1
Youngsaye	2	0	16	1

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

J. Macauley, c Fyffe, b Hunter	55
C. Whitfield, b Lewis	0
P. K. Lau, b Lewis	5
K. Harris, b Lewis	4
J. Read, b Lewis	0
J. L. Youngsaye, b Lewis	0
E. Marazn, b Forrest	0
L. R. Burch, b Pope	0
K. Farnud, c Kirby, b Pope	0
W. A. White, Pope	0
A. Ebrahim, not out	1
Extras (B18, WB1)	19
Total	90

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lewis	6	2	15	5
Danbrowsky	3	0	27	0
Forrest	2	0	17	1
Pope	2	1	2	3
Hunter	1.5	0	10	1

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Army Pack Fail To Produce Their Previous Best Form

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At the Valley, Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI beat Royal Air Force by 3 wickets in a friendly match.

Waddington included nine boundaries in his 54, while Attwell secured his last six wickets for 8 runs to finish up with 7 for 28.

R.A.F. were 81 for 3 and 100 all out.

R.A.F.

W. G. New, b Attwell	16
J. H. Nancarrow, b Buckle	6
J. Waddington, b Attwell	5
C. King, b Stone	1
A. R. Paling, b Attwell	3
T. Lillie, b Attwell	1
T. Bartlett, b Attwell	0
J. Harrison, b Attwell	0
W. Gillespie, b Stone	0
W. Rix, not out	0
J. Humbey, b Attwell	4
Extras (B5, LB6)	11
Total	100

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Buckle	4	0	42	1
Attwell	5	0	28	7
Stone	4	0	19	2

C.S.C.C. 2ND XI

K. J. Attwell, l.b.w., b Waddington	0
W. A. Wight, b Gillespie	0
G. Ainslie, b New	17
G. Stone, c Harrison, b New	33
T. L. Lockhart, c Gillespie, b New	11
L. Buckle, b New	0
P. Crawley, not out	4
I. P. Tamworth, c and b New	6
A. M. J. Wright, not out	14
Extras (B11, LB4)	15
Total (for 7 wkts.)	109

J. T. Lacey did not bat, and one player absent.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gillespie	4	1	11	1
Waddington	8	1	25	1
Nancarrow	5	0	30	0
New	6	0	27	5

R.E. BEAT C.C.C. 2NDS

At the Valley, Royal Engineers beat Craigengower Cricket Club 2nd XI by 14 runs.

Emberson's 49 out of 87 included eight boundaries, while in partnership with Carver (7) he added 30 for the last Engineer wicket.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Bailey, run out	23
Musson, b U. H. Esmail	1
Ratcliffe, c Way, b Omar	20
Emberson, not out	49
Carpenter, b Omar	0
Denyer, b Irance	15
Bocock, b Way	4
Goss, c E. H. Esmail, b Irance	1
Taylor, c E. H. Esmail, b Way	0
Murphy, b E. H. Esmail	1
Carver, b Omar	7
Extras (B6)	6
Total	127

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. M. Omar	9.5	0	43	3
U. H. Esmail	5	0	12	1
Lam	4	0	20	0
Irance	3	0	13	2
Way	3	0	18	2
E. H. Esmail	2	0	15	1

C.C.C. 2ND XI

A. M. Omar, c Ratcliffe, b Bocock	7
C. W. Lam, b Denyer	11
W. K. Way, c Bailey, b Bocock	11
N. Broadbridge, b Ratcliffe	26
S. R. Irance, b Denyer	11
A. H. Esmail, c and b Denyer	4
T. Locke, c Bocock, b Emberson	17
U. H. Esmail, c and b Emerson	5
A. Hung, not out	1
E. H. Esmail, l.b.w., Ratcliffe	3
W. Broadbridge, b Ratcliffe	1
Extras (B10, LB2, WB4)	16
Total	113

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ratcliffe	6	1	20	3
Bocock	3	0	21	2
Denyer	6	1	23	3
Taylor	3	0	12	0
Carpenter	2	0	13	0
Emberson	2	0	8	2

THE LAST —CHAMPIONSHIP— FIFTEEN

"Podge" Walkden, hard-working skipper of the Club team, and B. O M. Deane are the only players in the Club side to take part in the 1936-7 Tournamen., the last the Club won. The side was: J. P. Whitham; G. K. Chadwick, H. Van Leeuwen, W. E. Grieve and A. K. Munro; A. H. R. Butcher and J. L. Bonnar; A. F. Walkden, W. E. Peers, E. P. Humphreys; I. H. Bradford, A. W. Holden; B. O'M. Deane, K. A. Watson and J. A. Redman.

That season Club won all their four games and scored 64 points as against their opponents' 19.

BALDWIN 6 FOR 15

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI drew with Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a friendly match.

Mulcahy hit 10 boundaries in his 58, scored out of 110, and took part in a second wicket stand of 81 with Hall (27). Taylor scored his 11 out of 82, hitting six boundaries.

Only a determined stand by Suffad, 31 out of 99, and Razack saved I.R.C. from defeat, the pair adding 48 for the third wicket. Thereafter six wickets fell for 44 runs.

Baldwin had 1 for 23 in his first spell of five overs, and then proceeded to take 6 for 15 in seven overs.

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STEWART AND BUSTLING FORWARDS PAVE WAY FOR CIVILIANS' DESERVED WIN

ARMY BACKS SEE PLENTY OF THE BALL

A SURPRISINGLY small crowd was present yesterday at the Valley to see Club win the Triangular Rugby Tournament for the first time since the 1936-37 season as the result of a clean cut success by four tries (12 points) to a penalty goal (3 points) in a match which did not come up to expectations due to over-keenness by almost all the players.

Club owed their success to D. H. Stewart and a bustling pack who refused to be subdued by an Army pack who were good individually but who at no time produced the fierce rushes so much in evidence in the first match against Club. Ridsdale was very badly missed by Army.

Safe tackling by Club backs held up Army time and again after Beddow had beaten Castleton for the ball in the tight scrums and May had got the ball away to the best advantage despite slow heeling.

Knock-ons, wild passing and offside play marred a game which tended to became rough in the closing stages. Club wing forwards were often in trouble for offside play, Godfrey presenting Army with two penalties, from one of which Berry kicked a goal. Both Godfrey and Deane played excellently in the loose and were very quick to break away from the tight scrums to impede May as much as possible, but both failed to realise that their refusal to shove was primarily responsible for the ball reaching May, Club being outweighted in the scrum and so causing undue strain on the remaining six forwards.

The Club pack worked together much better than usual and what they lost in the tight scrums they more than made up for in the lineouts and the loose. Close marking in the lineouts prevented accurate passing to the scrum-half and invariably a loose scrum followed a lineout and the advantage was with Club, who occasionally packed 3, 4, 1.

Army pack had an off day, Pinkerton being well watched throughout. Duke and Cuthbertson played well, though the latter might have twice passed more accurately to push home advantages gained by his own initiative.

The Club halves, despite the fact Charter was by no means at his best, were superior to the Army pair, Thomson sending out a perfect service behind a quick heeling pack. May also did well, but was handicapped by the fact the ball was being held up by the second row and he was being challenged by the Club wing forwards before the ball was out of the scrum. Hook was a trifle slow off the mark, though his tackling was brilliant.

STEWART'S FINE DISPLAY

Club threequarters did not look dangerous very often due to faulty passing and poor handling. The play was more often on the left for Stewart's benefit, and he has never played better. He has the weight and speed and he combines the two to perfection, two of his four tries being the result of resolute running regardless of how many opponents were in the way. Bidwell was unusually subdued and Hutchison seldom caught the eye in attack. Bosanquet had no real opportunity to show his pace and swerve except once, when he took the ball at his feet for a considerable distance before knocking on when the ball bounced right into his hands and with no one in front of him.

The Army threequarters hesitated badly when manoeuvring for position in attack and so allowed the opposition to crowd them or relieve the situation by tackling. Richards started off on the left wing, but was then transferred to the right, presumably to look after Stewart. He was unable to stop two tries, however, and the one and only time he secured possession on this side of the field he was very heavily tackled by the Club winger. Waite showed initiative and worked hard, but his hesitancy and slowing up before passing was even more noticeable than in the other backs.

Picton had a gruelling afternoon but came through with credit, while Henderson, normally a scrum-half was the coolest player on the field and did not put a foot wrong throughout the afternoon at fullback.

THE GAME

Army provided the first thrill when Richards secured possession and appeared to have a clear field but he preferred to send out a wild pass to Waite, who had come up on his outside, and a good chance of scoring went abegging. Soon after the ball went along the Club line to Bidwell, who drew two men and then sent a long pass out to Stewart, missing out Hutchison, and the winger went hard for the line to score the opening try which Castleton failed to convert.

Club were attacking soon after but a knock-on by Hutchison checked a promising movement. May took a hard knock on the head and appeared dazed for some moments, but he was soon scooping the ball out to Hook with all his former accuracy. Hook broke through nicely from one of these passes and transferred to Cuthbertson, but the latter's return pass was very wild otherwise a score would certainly have eventuated. Army were now attacking and Richards all but crossed over in the corner.

Club again came into the picture when, from a threequarter movement, Bidwell adopted the same tactic of a high pass to Stewart, missing out Hutchison, and the second try was scored in almost exactly the same position, Castleton again failing to convert. Bidwell, however, threw away a good opening when he hesitated in passing to Hutchison with Stewart unmarked on the wing. Bosanquet then fielded a punt on the right and, coming across, left the Army backs outnumbered but Bidwell knocked on when a try appeared certain. Club had set a very fast pace and appeared now to be slackening their grip on the game. Richards and Waite were prominent in a movement held up by a timely tackle by Taylor, and almost immediately after Richards just failed with an attempt at a dropped goal from the '25 line, the ball hitting the upright and rebounding into play.

Half time arrived with Club leading 6-0.

STEWART'S THIRD TRY

Godfrey intercepted a pass early in the second half and opened up the play for the threequarters through Deane, but a high pass from Hutchison spoiled a grand opening. From the loose play which resulted, however, the ball went out to Stewart, who handed off two opponents and then carried Picton over the line with him near touch. Charter took the kick and failed.

Sutherland and Evans were nearly over as the result of Army pressure, during which Godfrey was penalised for offside play, but Beddow failed to land a goal from 40 yards.

Stewart scored his fourth and the final try of the match when he ducked to avoid Cuthbertson's tackle, the Army captain going right over him, and then forced himself over in the face of three or four opponents in the course of a 10-yard dash. Charter failed to land the goal points.

Cuthbertson's shorts were found to be badly torn and, with no spares on the touchline, he was forced to go into the clubhouse for a new pair to the satisfaction of most of the players, who welcomed the rest.

Army's lone score was the result of off-side play by Godfrey, Berry kicking the goal from 35 yards. Richards was injured soon after but resumed.

Stewart attempted a dropped goal in the closing minutes, but his effort was charged down. Duke very nearly broke through following a very fine dribble and almost on time Cuthbertson was injured, though he luckily resumed in a dazed condition.

The game was exceedingly well handled by Surg.-Comdr. Nicholson, and the teams were:

ARMY—L/Cpl. Picton (R.E.); Lieut. Skipwith (8th H.R.A.), L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.), Sergt. Lane (R.A.O.C.) and L/Bdr. Richards (8th H.R.A.); Lieut. Hook (8th H.R.A.) and Lieut. May (D.L.I.); Lieut. Hewitt (Mdx. R.), L/Cpl. Beddow (D.L.I.), Corpl. Sutherland (R.S.); Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.), L/Bdr. Evans (5th A.A.R.A.); Capt. Duke (R.S.), Lieut. Cuthbertson (R.S.) and Lieut. Pinkerton (R.S.).

CLUB—J. R. Henderson; D. H. Stewart, J. Hutchison, H. D. Bidwell and D. I. Bosanquet; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; A. F. Walkden, R. G. Castleton, R. E. Heasman; E. A. Bompas, C. F. Needham; B. O'M. Deane, A. J. G. Taylor and G. B. Godfrey.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Club	3	3	0	44	21	6
Army	3	1	2	28	25	2
Navy	2	0	2	13	39	0

The next Tournament match is on Saturday next, between Club and Navy at the Valley.

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First saddling bell will be rung at 2.15 p.m.

CLUB "A" JUST WIN

Club "A" did well to beat Navy "A" by three tries (9 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) in their Rugby match at the Valley yesterday.

D. Hynes, just back from leave, was at threequarter for Club, but is obviously out of training. Hopkins made a welcome return at full-back after his accident, and Tresidder made his debut at scrum-half. The latter is also not fit, and his game was not up to standard, his inaccurate passing forcing Club to be on the defensive more times than not, dispite the fact Burford was hooking very well.

Fay played a good game and his apparent selfishness was the natural outcome of the poor support he received from his scrum-half. Wilson is improving with each game, though he is too apt to try to intercept, and Nelson's hard running was again a feature. At forward Wanklyn, and Kennedy and B. Hynes were most prominent.

Navy, who had Lt.-Comdr. Clark in the front row of the pack instead of at scrum-half, were best served by Bax. Stevens, the regular full-back, O'Riodan and Ferris.

Stevens opened the scoring for Navy when he picked up a knock-on by D. Hynes, but King failed to convert from in front of the posts. Fay failed to land a goal when Navy were penalised just outside their '25, but Wilson levelled the scores when he crossed over following an interception by D. Hynes. Fay failed to convert from a difficult angle.

In the second half Carey failed to land a goal when Navy were penalised on their '25-line, but almost immediately after Wilson took a good pass from Nelson to score near the posts, only for Carey to fail again. Kennedy broke through, but a wild pass spoiled a good opportunity, though Fay went over in the corner from the resultant loose play. Carey again missed with his attempt at goal and Club led 9-3. In the closing minutes, however, Stevens burst through the centre and scored between the posts to add the goal points himself.

NAVY "A"—Lieutenant Bax; Tel. Faulkner, Paymaster Lieutenant Stevens, Tel. Hall and Marine Jeffries; Stoker Gallagher and Midshipman O'Riodan; L.S.A. Palmer, A.B. Jeffrey, Lt.-Comdr. Clark, Ldg. Wtr Ferris, Paymaster Lieutenant Charles and Chief Writer King.

CLUB "A"—H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen (Captain), D. B. Nelson, B. C Fay and P. B. Wilson; D. Hynes and C G. Tresidder; E. W. Stout, F. Burford, P. F. Wanklyn; B. Hynes, A. G. Daniel; T. Swan, A. M. Kennedy and G. J. P. Carey.

Tennis Interport?

MRS. WHITE BACK TO HOCKEY

Handicapped by the absence of a player, Central British Association Ladies did well to hold the combined senior and junior "Y" Ladies' team to only one goal in the first half of their friendly hockey game at King's Park yesterday. In the second half, however, "Y" ladies overran their opponents and eventually won by 5 goals to 1.

Mrs. White, former Colony interporter and who has only recently returned from leave, led the C.B.A. attack and was always prominent, besides scoring a good goal.

Miss D. Moss, who has been playing at centre-forward this season, was seen on the right-wing and Mrs. Quick on the left-wing as Miss Lubovetsky was forced to drop back into the intermediate line.

Miss Parsons, as kicking back, did well and saved her side on several occasions, while Miss Wilmot and Miss Everest were given a trying

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time against the fast "Y" forwards.

In the pivotal position Miss I. Woolley was as hard-working as usual and initiated many a good movement.

Miss Moss on the right wing, sent across several good centres and did well in a new position.

"Y" had their senior forward line on view but they did not come into the picture much until the second period, when they had C.B.A. continually on the defence.

Miss Dunne, left-half, did well against Miss Moss in the first half but in the second period seemed to be nursing an injury and her play was consequently affected somewhat.

Miss Harker scored for "Y" in the first half, and in the second period Mrs. Gardner (2) and Miss MacCaw (2) added further goals, Mrs. White scored for C.B.A.

GOALLESS DRAW

Although they were one short throughout and were without the services of three regular players, Central British Association juniors did very well to hold Argonauts to a goalless draw yesterday in a friendly match on their own ground.

Mr. Mendonca, of St. Joseph's College, played between the sticks for C.B.A. and was fairly impressive, while Mrs. MacKay and Miss Sullivan, full-backs, showed good understanding.

At forward Miss F. Grimmitt, on the right wing, Miss Baxter, inside-right, and Mrs. J. Crawford, centre, formed a very strong trio.

For Argonauts, Miss N. Silva, in the pivotal position, and Miss C. Castilho, left-half, were the most outstanding, both displaying good stick-work. Miss Mathias, right winger, and Miss C. Xavier, centre, also did well at forward.

MANILA ENQUIRY

The "Sunday Herald" learns that an invitation has been extended to the Colony to send a tennis team to Manila next month in order to meet a team from that port in an Interport tennis series, and also for the Hong Kong representatives to participate in the Philippines International championships scheduled to be held between January 25 and February 4.

The invitation is extended through Mr. L. R. Ildefonso, local representative of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation, who is in receipt of the following cable, the contents of which have been communicated to Mr. T. A. Pearce, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association:

"Please enquire whether Hong Kong L.T.A. agreeable to play Interport matches here January 19, 20, 21 taking s.s. President Quezon due here January 17. After Interport matches players should remain at our expense for P. I. International Championships from January 25 to February 4. Cable Reply. Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer, P.A.A.F."

It is understood that the Taul brothers will be unable to make the trip if invited. Other players who might well be considered in order that Hong Kong might be represented, however, are W. A. H. Duff and L. Goldman and the Rumjahn cousins.

Mr. Ildefonso has forwarded the following cable to Manila: "Definite reply after holidays but prospect doubtful."

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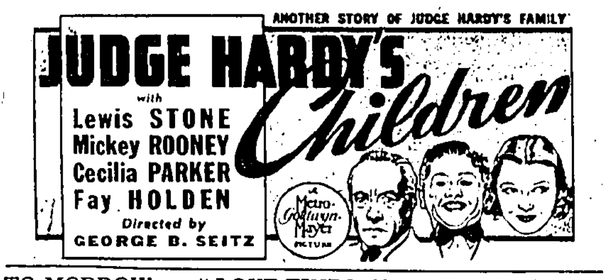

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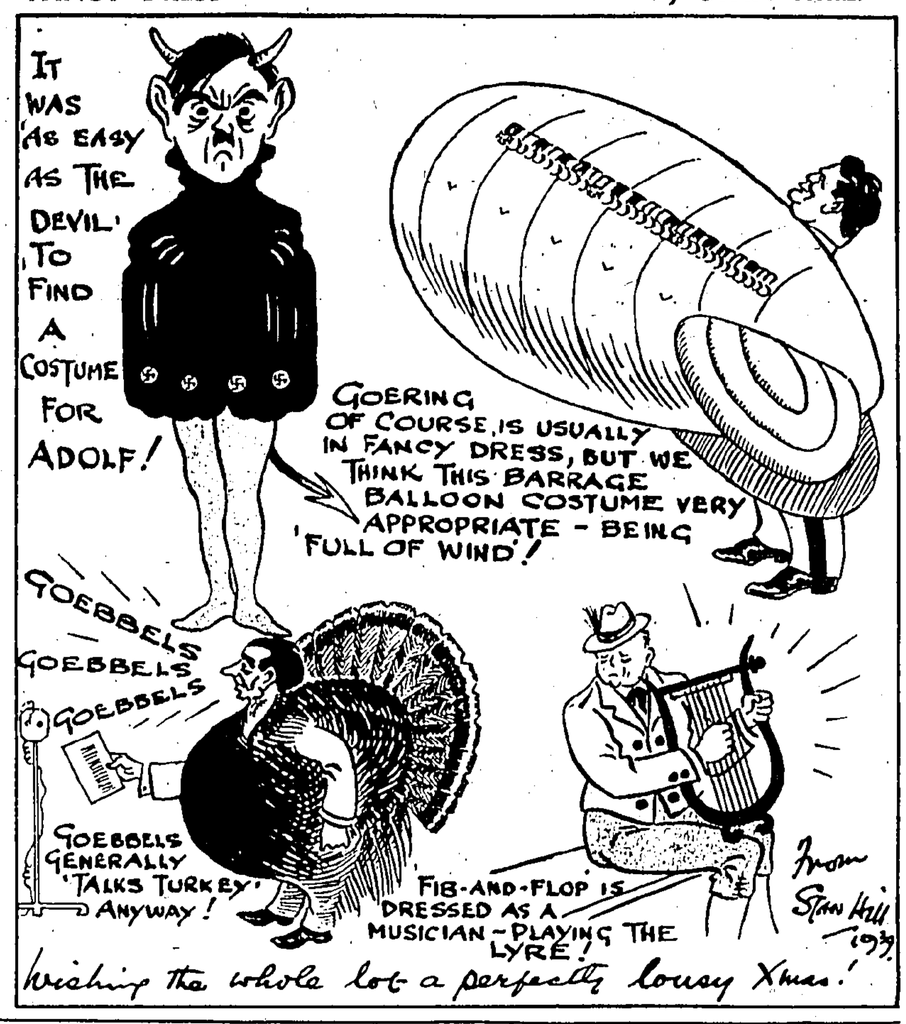

ON THE AIR TO-NIGHT

"The Magic Shirt" A Play Relayed From London

12.15 p.m.—TCHAIKOWSKY — 1812 Overture. The Philharmonic Orchestra, Berlin, with the Ural Cossacks Choir conducted by Alexander Kitschin.
12.32 p.m.—SONGS by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).
12.42 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—SELECTIONS from Light Opera.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
2.02 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
2.30 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
7.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"The Magic Shirt" or "A Slight Mistake by the Laundry", A new play by Devenish.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—CHRISTMAS CAROLS.
God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; I Saw Three Ships (arr. Stainer); The Holly and The Ivy (arr. Stainer); See Amid The Winter's Snow (arr. Goss).... Royal Choral Society with Organ.
The Christmas Waits (Traditional) ....A Christmas Choir and The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
8.18 p.m. — STUDIO — Recital by Father O'Mara (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by A. T. Lay.
1. (a) Jerusalem, Thou That Killest The Profit ('St. Paul'—Mendelssohn); (b) If With All Your Hearts ('Elijah'—Mendelssohn); (c) The Knight Of Bethlehem ('The Husband of Poverty' — David Cleghorn Thomson)..... Father O'Mara (Baritone).
2. Noel (Balfour Gardner)....A. T. Lay at the Piano.
3. (a) The Lamb (Landon Ronald); (b) A Cradle Song (Landon Ronald); (c) At Night Time (Alicia Adelaide Needham).... Father O'Mara (Baritone).
8.35 p.m.—BAND MUSIC.
The Standard Of St. George—Quick March (Alford).... Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands.
Naval March (Specially arranged); Military March (Specially arranged) ..... H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
8.45 p.m.—STUDIO — Talk "Christmas 1914", by Major R. A. Johnson.
9.00 p.m.—Selection of Old Time Medleys.
"It's A Lovely War"—Medley (arr. Debroy Somers). Intro: Here We Are Again; Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts; Never Mind; Army of To-day's All Right; We Haven't Seen the Kaiser; Oh! Oh! Oh! Its a Lovely War; Who Were You With Last Night; All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor; Mademoiselle from Armentieres; When There Isn't A Girl About. ....Debroy Somers Band with Male Quartet.
Good Old Song Of The Good Old Days. Intro: Meet Me To-night in Dreamland; Hitchy Koo; You Made Me Love You; Ev'ry Littl While; Never Mind; Good-bye-ee ....The Old-Timers with Orch.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.25 p.m.—The Royal Command Concert Held At The Albert Hall, London.
To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell-Davies).....Isobel Baillie, Elsie Suddaby, Astra Desmond and Chorus.
The Cloud-Cap't Towers (Stevens) ....Massed Choirs cond. by Sir Hugh Allen.
Y Bore Gles (Welsh Song)....Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus.
Twankydillo (English Folk Song) ....Robert Easton & English Chorus.
England (Parry).....Mary Jarred & Massed Choirs.
Jerusalem (Parry); National Anthem (Final verse).....Massed Choirs.
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ROYAL SCOTS' FIRST WIN IN SIX GAMES

THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN FOR KOWLOON F.C.

KOWLOON recorded their third successive win in the First Division of the Football League yesterday when they beat Navy by 3 goals to 1 after being completely outplayed by 10 men in the first half. As the result of their success they are now second only to the League champions in the League table.

Kit Chee again fared disappointingly in Second Division, losing for the fifth time in a row, and South China, potential champions, scored their seventh win in succession. Eastern, their strongest challengers, dropped a point against 8th Heavy Regiment, who were unlucky not to win, and so received their first check in six games.

Kowloon secured their third successive win when they defeated Navy by 3 goals to 1 in a fast and thrilling match at Kowloon. One goal each was the score at half-time.

Although Navy fielded only 10 men for the first 30 minutes, being without Hendy, centre-forward, they played a brilliant game, and netted the first goal. Hendy did not show marked ability in the forward line, and would have been much better if he had retained his former position of centre-half.

The Kowloon backs definitely saved Kowloon from facing a deficit in the first half, and they continued to play consistently well throughout the remainder of the game. In the second half, however, outstanding play by the Navy custodian kept down the Kowloon score to a minimum. Although Navy made a few sporadic attacks, and in some cases were unfortunate not to score, Kowloon undoubtedly had most of the play.

Honeywell, Navy left-back, received another injury to his ankle, and after half-time changed positions with O'Regan, outside-left.

Phippins and Thoburn were outstanding amongst the Navy forwards, their combination being pretty to watch. Honeywell and Roughley defended well, but the best performance was unquestionably given by Robinson, in goal. He gave an amazingly good display in the latter half. White, Jorge and Santos formed a fine combination in the Kowloon forward line, while Williamson, as pivot, again gave an excellent account of himself.

Navy scored the first goal after 20 minutes' strenuous play and after innumerable efforts to break down the Kowloon defence. Thoburn sent over a brilliant pass to Phippins who was unmarked and running fast towards the goal from the right-wing. The latter sent in a terrific ground shot well out of the reach of the goalkeeper. This was followed a few minutes later by a goal for Kowloon, who scored through White, who managed to put the ball into the net whilst Robinson was sprawled on the ground after having made a good save. In the second half Bell netted a beautiful goal after making a lone dash between the backs and shooting from close range. Shortly before the close Santos netted the third, after receiving a perfect pass from Williamson just inside the penalty area.

KOWLOON—Smith; Eastman and Ulrich; Maxwell, Williamson and Bliss; White, Jorge, Santos, Jackson and Bell.

NAVY—Robinson; Roughley and Honeywell; Hill, Layhe and Britt; Phippins, Alison, Hendy, Thoburn and O'Regan.

A study in expressions — a scene during the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup football game last Sunday between Ireland and China. Leonard, Ireland's pivot, is seen challenging an opponent for the ball with Ip Pak-wah immediately behind.

S. CHINA TOO GOOD

South China clearly outclassed 30th R.A. whom they defeated at Caroline Hill by 4 goals to 2 after leading by three clear goals at the interval.

For South China, Choo Siew-hong played well in goal and was rarely at fault. The full-backs, Li Wing-on and Leung Pak-wah, presented a staunch front to their opponents, and the halves proved a good first line of defence, Yau Wah-hing being to the fore in the pivot position and being ably supported by Cheung Peng-yun and Fok Yew-wah. The forwards played extraordinarily well and displayed excellent combination and shooting ability. Chan Chung-yin was a thrustful centre-forward and received every support from his inside men, Chan Wai-sang and Luk Tat-hang, who, between them scored all four goals for their team. Ip Yun-poh and Chin Che-fai were dangerous on the wings.

The Gunners did not show up very well, their tackling and dribbling being good but they were inclined to hang on to the ball too long and were unable to shoot when on the run. Hall was rather shaky in goal. The halves were not brilliant but their tactics were sound. Tuckley and Flanders were the best of the forwards.

SECOND HALF RALLY

After an easy first half 24th Hy. Bty. had to fight hard for the points when they met Electric at Happy Valley, but they managed to keep on top to win by 4 goals to 2.

R.A. were the better team, showing good combination. The best forward was Greig, whilst Atkins and Marshall gave him good support. In the Electric eleven Lawrence was good in his approach work but weak in his finishing efforts, whilst Sabhan gave a steady display and Wong Kan-yau did extremely well in goal, saving his charge on many occasions.

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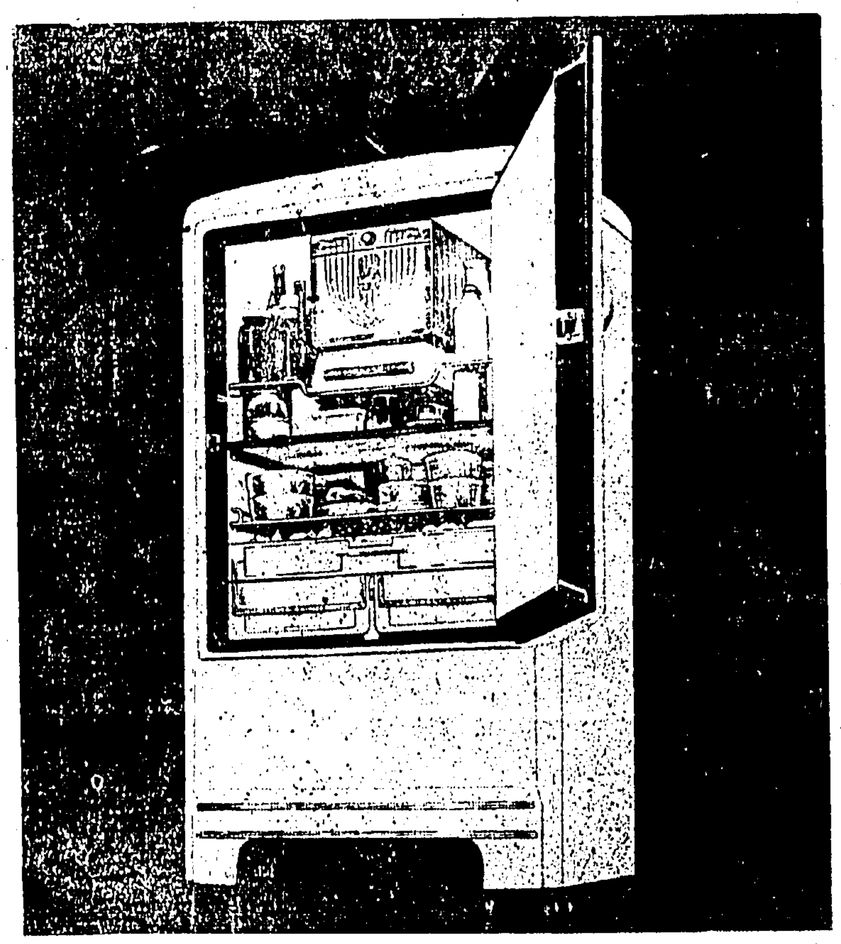

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon	3	Royal Navy	1
White, Bell, Santos.		Phippens.	
South China "A"	4	St. Joseph's	0
Fung King-cheong 2, Lai Shui-wing 2.			
Police	2	Royal Scots	3
Johnstone, Ferrier (pen.).		Hossack 3 (1 pen.).	

SECOND DIVISION "A"

South China	4	30th Hvy. Bty.	2
Chan Wai-sang, Chan Cheong-yin 2, Luk Tat-hang.		Tuckley, Flanders.	
5th A.A. Regt.	3	Kit Chee	0
Magonn, Waddington, Lawton.			
8th Hvy. Regt.	1	Eastern	1
Wooldridge.		Tim Kam-shing.	

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Kowloon	1	Kwong Wah	2
D. Knox.		Lau Wing-kui, Leung Bing-kam.	
Police	1	R.A.F.	1
Morrison.		Donnelly.	
Royal Scots	3	Signals	2
Williamson 2, McKay (pen.).		Kitcher, Parry.	

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C.	2	Royal Scots	1
Smart, Logan.		Hunter.	
R.A.M.C.	1	12th Hvy. Bty.	3
Parkin.		Faith 2, Burrows (pen.).	
24th Hvy. Bty.	4	Electric	2
Marshall 3, Grieg.		Lawrence, Gomes (pen.).	
Royal Engineers	3	Kumaon Rifles	6
Ellesley, Moore, Hill.		Sher Singh 2, Narain Singh 2, Partap Singh, Gopal Singh.	

TABLES TO DATE

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
S. China "A"	11	10	1	0	42	12	21
Kowloon	9	6	1	2	22	19	13
Eastern	9	5	2	2	26	16	12
Kwong Wah	9	5	0	4	22	23	10
Middlesex	9	3	3	3	31	22	9
Police	11	2	5	4	17	23	9
S. China "B"	8	3	2	3	19	17	8
Royal Scots	10	2	3	5	17	22	7
Royal Navy	10	3	1	6	20	31	7
St. Joseph's	9	2	2	5	16	27	6
Club	9	1	0	8	10	30	2

Second Division "A"

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Eastern	12	9	2	1	29	12	20
S. China	10	9	0	1	35	10	18
30th Hvy Btty	10	7	0	3	28	12	14
8th Hvy Regt	9	5	1	3	25	18	11
5th A.A. Regt	10	3	0	7	15	27	6
Kit Chee	11	2	1	8	19	34	5
R.A.O.C.	8	1	2	5	15	26	4
Club	8	0	0	8	5	32	0

Second Division "B"

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
R.E.	11	9	0	2	38	12	18
Royal Scots	11	7	3	1	30	13	17
Kwong Wah	12	7	2	3	30	21	16
Signals	11	5	2	4	19	19	12
R.A.F.	11	4	2	5	22	21	10
Police	11	1	4	6	16	25	6
Kowloon	11	2	1	8	20	35	5
University	6	0	0	6	6	35	0

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
24th Hvy Btty	12	7	2	3	37	25	16
R.A.S.C.	12	6	3	3	36	18	15
S. China	10	6	2	2	36	14	14
International	10	5	4	1	25	18	14
Royal Scots	11	6	2	3	29	18	14
12th Hvy Btty	12	6	2	4	28	28	14
R.A.M.C.	12	5	0	7	25	39	10
Signals	11	4	0	7	19	31	8
Kumaon Rifles	10	2	3	5	25	30	7
R.Es.	12	2	3	7	22	38	7
Electric	8	2	2	4	22	27	6
5th A.A. Regt	10	1	3	6	10	28	5

KIT CHEE OUTPLAYED

At Sookunpoo, 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. gained an easy victory over Kit Chee, winning by three goals to nil.

The Gunners were vastly superior in midfield, but weakness in front of goal robbed them of goals time and again. Easily the best man on the field was McEwan, who sent over perfect centres throughout the match and made innumerable openings. His only fault was that he often passed the ball when he could have taken it through himself. Barsby was the best of the defenders, but he was given a very easy afternoon by a set of timid forwards.

On their showing Kit Chee ought never have been allowed into the Second Division as they were obviously not up to that standard.

ROYALS SURPRISED

In a very interesting game at Sookunpoo R.A.S.C. defeated Royal Scots by the odd goal in three.

The Service Corps must be accounted the most surprising team in the League as last week they were easily beaten by a team at the bottom of the table and yet manage to beat the leaders the following week. Their entire team played well and they fully deserved the victory. Logan and Glen were the best forwards, while Hills and Smart dominated the centre of the field. Havercroft was again rather shaky. For the Scots, Gibson played an untiring game, but full honours must go to Degnan, who was the outstanding player on the field. Hunter is a very useful centre-forward but is inclined to rely on weight and not football.

DUNCAN'S BRILLIANT GOALKEEPING

IN a rather robust First Division League football game at Boundary Street yesterday Royal Scots won a well deserved couple of points by 3 goals to 2 against Police. This was the Royals' first win in six games.

There were three penalties awarded during the game, two to Royal Scots and one to Police. Royals did not take advantage of their first penalty, Fraser putting the ball outside, but both other penalties were converted.

ROYALS RECOVER

A fast and interesting game was witnessed at Happy Valley between Royal Scots and Signals, in which the Royals, although two goals in arrears, fought back gamely to secure both points by 3 goals to 2.

Signals who were without Kennard, Bundy and Husbands, can count themselves very unfortunate in not saving one point as the final goal registered by Williamson in the closing minutes was very doubtful as that player appeared to be offside when he received the pass from McKay.

For Signals the defence played splendidly, and any dangerous situation was averted by cool play and sound positioning by Taylor and Willis. Of the half backs, Brackenbury played well and was ably supported by Parry and Dignan. The forwards were good in patches, with Hutchison a trier to the end. Kitcher was a very dangerous winger.

The Royals had a good defence. Fowler being in grand form and Wiseman the pick of the half-backs, whilst the forwards were always trying shots at goal. McHattie, on the right-wing, played splendidly, and his centres should have been turned to better account. McKay was the best inside forward.

KWONG WAH SUCCESS

At K.F.C., Kowloon gave a very poor display against Kwong Wah and were fortunate to lose by only 2 goals to 1.

Kwong Wah, definitely the better team from practically every point of view, kept Kowloon wholly on the defensive. The forwards were exceedingly good in approach, displaying excellent footwork and speed. The inside forwards were, however, very weak in shooting and their inability to score more often was amazing. Kowloon did not have a very strong team and did not play well. Humphrey and Castro were worked to a standstill, and did exceedingly well against great odds. The forwards did not combine, hanging on to the ball too long and being very easily robbed by their opponents. Individualism was all too evident.

Lapsley, however, deserves credit for making a number of spectacular saves.

POLICE DESERVE POINT

A drawn game resulted from the meeting between Royal Air Force and Police at Boundary Road, and this was a fair result to a disappointing game.

Air Force showed very disappointing form and did not produce their best efforts. Police on the other hand played better than usual and were full value for the point gained. Most impressive player in their side was Cuthbert, at right-back, and he was the only defender to show any accuracy, whilst Smith was the best of the forwards. Morrison and Coull did well in the Police forward line, but Hogarth was poor at centre-half.

MEDICALS LOSE

At Happy Valley, 12th Heavy Battery R.A. continued in winning vein by defeating R.A.M.C. by 3 goals to 1.

Burrows, of R.A., was the outstanding player of the match, despite the fact that he was playing out of position, appearing at inside-right instead of left-back. Dinot also played a useful game, while Parkins was the only Medical forward on his side to look dangerous. Garside played a quiet but steady game at centre-half.

The Royals were rather unfortunate in that Falconer, their centre-half, was injured in the first half and was a passenger for the remainder of the game at outside-left.

The way in which the Royals rallied after being two goals in arrears was great and the "hat-trick" by Hossack was a well-deserved reward for a hard afternoon's work.

The man of the match, however, was Duncan the Royals' goalkeeper, who proved that he is back in his best form and still in the first three goalkeepers in the Colony by a great display of daring and accurate anticipation. In the first half time and time again he saved literally from the toes of the opposing forwards, and often saved long shots that would have beaten many goalkeepers.

Police kicked off, but the Royals were the first to attack and Taylor was called on to save from Gordon. Police rallied, however, and Howlett sent Wong Man-kwai away with a long pass, but the winger's shot went well over the top. A penalty was then awarded to the Royals but Fraser shot outside. Half time came with the score sheet blank.

After the interval Police attacked strongly and from a penalty Ferrier gave them the lead. It was not long before they went further ahead, Johnson accepting a fine pass from the right to net easily. The Royals' revival came following a perfect movement between Fleming, Gordon and Hossack, the latter beating two men before netting. Shortly afterwards Hossack netted again from a penalty, and 10 minutes from the end Hossack completed his "hat trick" and gave his side victory with a brilliant shot from long range.

R. SCOTS—Duncan, Naysmith, Fraser, Clarke, Falconer, Parnaby, Munro, Gordon, Hossack, Fleming and Gilroy.

POLICE — Taylor, Blackbourne, Pite, Kong Hing, Gough, North, Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Johnson, Ferrier and Fan Kwai-tsai.

EASTERN FALTER

Although Eastern secured one point from 8th Heavy Regt by virtue of sharing two goals they can deem themselves very fortunate as the Gunners were the vastly superior side and, showing splendid combination, were a constant source of danger to the Eastern defence. Eastern were a poor side and never revealed championship form and will have to show a higher standard if they wish to secure premier honours.

For Gunners, Maraden was outstanding at left-half, being spectacular in everything he did, and giving admirable support to Barnsley in the pivotal position. In the rear Wong Kit-hing again excelled and was always at hand when Eastern threatened danger. The forwards were evenly balanced, with Owens taking the honours with a sparkling display on the right-wing.

Eastern were a very mediocre side and but for the efforts of Wong Chang in goal and Tsi Bon-wui at right-back the score would have been overwhelming in favour of the Gunners. The forwards were much below form, only Ting Kam-shing revealing any idea of attack and his efforts went to nought as he was not assisted by his inside men.

KUMAONS WIN

A hectic encounter was witnessed at Chatham Road, when the lowly placed Kumaons, after being outplayed in the opening stages, emerged victorious by 6 goals to 3.

Kumaons' full-back pair, Partap Singh and Lieut. Tarr showed their best form, while Bachher Singh was most conspicuous amongst the halves. Partap, on the left-wing, played one of his best games, but Narain Singh was the most dangerous forward on the field. Engineers were a disjointed side, though they started in most convincing style. Their defence was notably weak and had it not been for the useful work of Heath, centre-half, the score would have been even bigger.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Eastern
(Boundary Road at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Clark.
Linesmen:—Adland and Hobson.

Club v S. China "B"
(Club at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.
Linesmen:—Barretto and Carley.

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Club v R.A.O.C.
(Club at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Banham.

THIRD DIVISION

South China v 5th R.A.
(Caroline Hill at 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Wype.

Signals v International
(Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

"Sunday Herald" Charity Match
China v Portugal
(Sookunpoo at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mitchill.
Linesmen—Minihan and Foster.

TUESDAY

"Sunday Herald" Charity Match
England v Scotland
(Club at 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—Silva and Omar.

S. CHINA OUTPLAY SAINTS

South China "A" easily obtained victory over St. Joseph's by four clear goals at Caroline Hill. It was a one-sided affair as the champions were obviously superior to the Saints throughout the game. St. Joseph's, however, put up a game struggle.

The absence of Lee Wai-tong had no adverse effect on the Chinese forward line, all five playing a wonderful game and combining perfectly.

Tam Kwan-hon gave his usual polished display in goal and was never at a loss. Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang displayed their usual incomparable form in the full-back line and Leung Wing-chui played a fine game in the pivot position and was a real pleasure to watch. He was very well supported by Lau Hing-choi and Soong Ling-sing. Fung King-cheong gave a magnificent display in the centre and showed what a really fine footballer he is.

The Saints played as well as was to be expected against almost overwhelming odds. Sammy Tsang, until he was injured in the head, showed that he had lost none of his skill between the sticks. The full-backs were none too sound, the good work of Marques being offset by the poor display of Bowen, who had little or no control over the ball. Hassain was inclined to be uncertain in the pivot position, but Ribeiro and Honniball showed up well and displayed sound tactics. The forwards gave a poor show. Leonard did not strike form in the centre-forward berth, though he tried his best. Castilho and Pereira kept the centre well fed with the ball, but their efforts were wasted. Pereira was easily the best player in the St. Joseph's team. All played well on the right wing and so did Cheung on the left, until the accident to Sammy Tsang caused him to take his place in goal.

TWO GOALS IN 10 MINUTES

Within five minutes of the start South China opened the scoring though Fung King-cheong and five minutes later Lai Shui-wing increased the score from about 15 yards. Shortly after Sammy Tsang injured his head in saving a shot from Lai and had to retire from the field. His place was taken by Cheung, the left-winger, whose berth was filled by Pereira, the Saints playing a four-forward game. Ten minutes from the interval Fung King-cheong scored his second goal of the match with the best shot of the game.

Fifteen minutes after the restart Lai Shui-wing scored his second goal.

South China finished the game with 10 men as Ip Pak-wah had to retire from the field with an injured knee just before time.

S. CHINA "A"—Tam Kwan-hon; Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chui and Sung Ling-sing; Tang Kwong-sum, Lau Chung-sang, Fung King-chung, Lai Shui-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

ST. JOSEPH'S—Sammy Tsang; Marques and Bowen; Ribeiro, Hassain and Honniball; Ali, Castilho, Leonard, Pereira and Cheung.

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A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Prince Who Hiccupped

BY ANTHONY ARMSTRONG

Famous "Punch" Humorist

ONCE upon a time there was a King named Gummelik who annoyed a fairy. In those days this was a pretty hazardous thing to do; indeed, one of the neighbouring kingdoms was already being governed by a very contrite five-toed horse, and another by a thoroughly scared Prince Regent on behalf of an unexpected oak tree growing in the second-best throne-room.

King Gummelik, however, luckily possessed a fairy godmother, and so had not felt any immediate effects from the subsequent violent spell beyond a slight rash on the small of the back. The angry fairy had therefore revengefully bided her time; till one day the Queen gave birth to a son, whom, by the way, she hopefully named Handsome.

At the christening all the local fairies turned up and gave the young Prince presents, and were just sitting round criticising the catering arrangements and so on when suddenly there was a flash, and the angry fairy, who naturally had not been invited, materialised in a burst of smoke and an ugly temper.

"Well? Why wasn't I asked?" she began, and while the King was feebly muttering something about having mislaid her address, strode over to the cradle.

"I've got a gift for your baby, too," she announced in ominous tones.

"Oh, look here, steady on!" began the poor King, very flurried, and took a great draught of wine to steady his nerves—though he had done himself pretty well at the buffet already.

"A gift," the fairy continued, "that will ensure your not forgetting my existence again."

The King preserved a worried silence and took more wine. Privately he was wondering apprehensively how best to break it to his wife, upstairs, that her off-spring had become perhaps a ginger-whiskered rabbit, or even a five-toed foal, or an acorn: "How like a man! Can't be trusted for a moment to look after a baby without letting it catch a spell!"

"What's its name?" asked the fairy testily, staring at the infant.

"It's not an 'it.' It's a 'he,'" objected the King, having drawn a little courage from the beaker. Moreover, he had already had this well rubbed into him, both by the baby's mother and by all the Royal nurses in turn.

"What's his name, then?" repeated the fairy even more testily.

"Well, we thought—er—that is, my wife is calling him 'Handsome.'"

"Why?" asked the fairy.

The King hadn't thought of that one. "Why?" he asked the Royal Head Nurse in a hurried whisper.

The Royal Head Nurse curtsied. "Because he's such a pretty darling!"

The fairy snorted incredulously.

"He is," retorted the Royal Head Nurse, who wasn't going to let anyone—not even a fairy—disparage her charge. "Wasn't ums a pretty-pretty?" she added to the baby. "It was the sweety-weety-weetest ickle wassums."

The fairy looked slightly sick. The King had his beaker refilled.

"Blessums, then, Nannie's own uvey-dovey!" continued the nurse, getting into her stride. "Wassums uzzy——"

"Stop!" cried the fairy, quite revolted. There was an awed silence of nearly a minute, at the end of which time the King hiccupped.

"What did you say?" asked the fairy ominously.

"Beg pardon, I'm sure," said the King with hasty politeness; and hiccupped again.

It seemed to give the fairy an idea. She looked maliciously at him, then waved her hand. "Here's my gift," she cried. "The young Prince shall hiccup all his life!"

Then after a spiteful glance round she vanished.

During the ensuing commotion an aged fairy—the King's godmother—stepped forward from the guests.

"I alone have not yet given my gift," she quavered traditionally; for one fairy always holds back on these occasions to try to set right any little hitch. "And though I'm afraid I cannot remove that very vulgar spell, I can alter it. The Prince shall only hiccup till, by some act of his after he comes to manhood, he shall win the thanks of every person in the kingdom."

She retired into the throng, had a glass of wine, and was patted on the back by the other fairies.

"Gug-hic-gug" began the baby, trying to say "Goo!" The spell was already at work.

Taking it all round, the Christening Party had not been a success.

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It soon become apparent that there was no shobby workmanship about the wicked fairy's gift, and poor King Gummelik, constrained to wait till the Prince came of age and he could do something about his godmother's modification, tried everything in the meantime to minimise its evil effects. But the Prince's hiccups were devastating.

When the boy was twelve criers were sent round the kingdom proclaiming that whoever could cure the Prince should receive half the kingdom, but though several people answered — mostly professors — the Prince's hiccupping persisted. The professors merely went away with acquired hiccups themselves, and began to sue for compensation.

So the Prince approached his eighteenth birthday.

The King and Queen, quite excited now about the fairy godmother's prophecy, began to consider plans by which the Prince could perform some act to win the thanks of every person in the kingdom. A Council of State daily discussed the problem, but there always seemed some hitch in every proposal, and some people who would not be grateful.

The obvious way seemed to be a free distribution of largesse by the Prince, but since no single person could be missed out for fear of subsequent complaint, the first rough estimate was enough to rule this plan out. Moreover, whatever thanks it might win from the populace it certainly would never enlist the gratitude of the harassed Court Treasurer.

Meanwhile, a fresh turn had been given to Court affairs by the Prince's discovery that he could sing without hiccupping at all.

The Court Poet's department was instantly expanded to cope with this demand for topical lyrics, and many extra verse-makers (not particularly good ones) were taken on on piece-work. This, of course, cut out much wasted time. Instead of arriving at breakfast with a lengthy "Gughic-Gughic-Gughic . . ." which, while originally intended for "Gughic-Gughic-good morning all," generally was changed at the fiftieth "gughic" to a fretful "Gughic-gughic-getonwithit," the Prince now entered merrily trilling:

"Good morning Pa;
Good morning Ma!
Good morning all,
Both great and small!
Hic!

and no one's bacon got cold.

Or when at a Council giving his opinion on the motion before the House, instead of everybody at once laying off to write up their notes, while Prince Handsome went "bubhic-bubhic-bubhic . . ." winding up possibly to say "bubhic-bubhic-bubhic-boshi" he now merely got up fished out his music, tried his voice with four high notes and three low tones, and sang:

The proposer of that motion
Hasn't got a single notion
With which I can agree,
Hic!
And so it seems to me
That, as far as I can see,
It'll be just what's expected
If the motion is rejected
Hic!
So my vote all must know,
Is nun-hic-nun-hic-No!

As I said, the assistant poets were by no means top-notch men. Anyway, it saved time.

The really annoying part, however, was that the Prince frankly could not sing a note. His voice was like a lost cornerake in a large field—some said two lost cornerakes in a small field, and the Royal Director of Music put it as high as five in a paddock.

It soon caused far more annoyance than the hiccups themselves, and the courtiers were hard put to it to conceal their dismay when it was observed that the Prince was clearing his throat to sing a casual remark about the weather.

On this son's eighteenth birthday the King made his first real effort at removing the spell. He organised a birthday feast for everyone in his kingdom, and ordered that wine should flow free in every fountain in the country. He then proposed to send heralds round and collect a testimony of grateful thanks from every single one of his subjects.

Unfortunately, being his first effort, it was quite unsuccessful. He hadn't properly realised what he was up against; nor had the wicked fairy forgotten her rival's emendation of the spell. Before the King had even time to send out the heralds, he received various deputations bearing complains:

(a) About the Disorganisation of their Service, from the Water Supply Company.

(b) About the Small Number of Fountains in Farming Areas, from the Agricultural Labourers' Union.

(c) About the Quality of Wine supplied, from the Society of Gourmets and Topers.

(d) About the Quantity of Wine supplied, from the Cripples' Federation.

(e) About there being Wine at all, from five different Temperance Associations.

This sank the plan completely, and at the end of the week, when the excitement had died down and the hopeful groups round the fountains were reluctantly dispersing to their homes, the King held another Council, at which the Vizier propounded a new plan.

This was drastic enough. It was that the King should import a fierce dragon—there was one going cheap in a neighbouring kingdom — and should let it ravage his domains. At the end of a month, when presumably everyone would be heartily sick of it, for a dragon does not distinguish, when ravaging, between cornland, rose gardens, allotments or house property, the Prince should go forth and slay it, thus earning universal thanks.

There was a silence after this suggestion, but gradually everyone realised that sacrifices would have to be made if they wanted to stop the Prince hiccupping and singing—particularly singing—all over the palace for the rest of their lives.

The proposal was then carried with only one dissentient. This dissentient, however, was the Prince himself, which caused a deadlock. At last, however, he gave in, on being reassured by everyone (who, as the Prince's stock of Verses Suitable for All Occasions increased became more and more anxious for him to be cured) that the dragon was very old and could be killed quite easily.

So the dragon was purchased and had the time of its life, ravaging about unmolested, except by amateurs, peasants with pitchforks, farmers, and market-gardeners. Not a single Knight in Armour turned out; for the word had gone round that the dragon was being preserved for Royalty. The dragon itself though thought the millennium must have come.

After a month the Prince rode out and killed it. He sang a short song of battle and then cut its head off. Several people suggested unkindly that the sword-blow was unnecessary, and that the dragon had died on the high note in the last verse.

Then the King sent out messengers, wisely saying this time that he should assume that everyone joined in an expression of gratitude if he had not received any contrary statement by the end of the week.

Two days later—for the wicked fairy still kept a vigilant eye on her spell—a man turned up whose wife's mother had been inadvertently trodden on by the dragon during a night ravage, and who adamantly refused ever to be grateful even to a hiccupping Prince for killing it.

This upset everything. The Court went into mourning for a fortnight. The Prince composed a triumphal Ode to a Slain Dragon. The Court thereupon stayed in mourning for a further fortnight.

Then the Vizier had another idea, but refused to divulge it till he had explained meaningly to the King that it was his daughter who had suggested both this and the former one, and he had reason to believe she was—er—interested in the Prince.

The King, after privately consulting the Vizier's pedigree and family tree, graciously made "a note of her name, just," as he put it, "in case." Whereupon the Vizier expounded his plan.

The idea was to pay for the drag-

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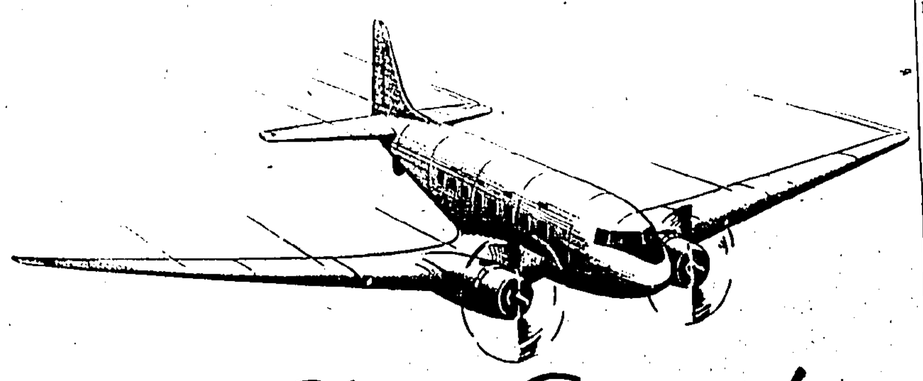

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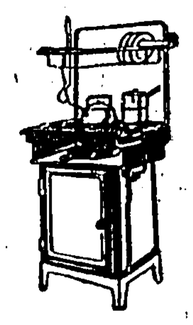

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Stalin and Finland

By special privilege, Soviet Russia appears able to go to war without in any way abandoning her status of neutrality: the Allies, in their turn, may perhaps be allowed to maintain a similar status and nonetheless to protest before the forum of nations.

By M. LEON BLUM

War is in itself atrocious, and during the three months that have elapsed since the beginning of this war, the atrocities have accumulated from day to day. To torpedo on the high seas a steamer conveying women and children is atrocious, the machine-gunning of towns, villages or fugitives wending their weary way along the roads by aeroplanes firing from a low altitude is equally atrocious.

At this very moment, thousands of unfortunate persons, at Warsaw and in the part of Poland occupied by Hitler are dying in the literal sense of the word from starvation, cold, bullets and mishandling. It is virtually impossible to imagine the horror of this terrible drama, the raid of the Red Army against Finland has aroused a disgust which exceeds that excited in the case of Poland. Why? Because, never in all history has the disproportion of the forces in conflict been so monstrous, and never, therefore, has aggression been so cowardly. No kind of justification can be found for this crime. Not even a pretext is available, nor, as in the case of Estonia and Latvia, can Stalin invoke his suspicion of the policy of the Government in question.

Finland is governed by free thinking and openly confessed democrats, well pleased to live in peace and confidence with the Soviets. Tanner, the Socialist Minister who was sent to negotiate with Moscow and has been violently attacked by Molotoff, is known to the Labour and Co-operative organizations of the whole world for his level headedness and his good sense. One can rack one's brain, it is impossible to discover any reason for this aggression, excepting that of the right of the stronger. Stalin's crime against Finland is a striking and naked illustration of brutality, animal greed and abuse of force, and this is why it arouses the nobler passions of mankind in the whole world.

I must admit that, up to the last minute, I thought that Stalin would confine himself to threats. It is true I was not so naive as to suppose that he would be deterred by moral scruples but up to the present his whole behaviour shows that he wishes to abstain from open and publicly confessed belligerence in Hitler's camp, and I believed that he would abstain from a direct aggression against Finland owing to the difficulties that might arise for a belligerent state in spite of itself.

To-day still, I believe that Stalin does not desire to intervene in the war openly and publicly on the side of Hitler's Germany. If he has nonetheless staked his claim, this is because in the present state of affairs, he thinks it unlikely that developments may arise that would definitely involve him in such a war. Up to the present, unfortunately, the facts are in favour of his argument. Whatever the emotion and the anxiety of the other Scandinavian States, they have so far remained neutral and the Allies therefore cannot intervene to support them. The Russian operation will doubtless be confined to Finland. The Finnish people is fighting and will fight for its liberty, heroically, desperately, but so far, it is clear that it will fight alone. The small states of Europe, whose future existence is nonetheless the veritable issue involved in the war, are paralysed by their isolation and their fear, and the Allies have not the right to reproach them with this fact, for they also bear a certain responsibility in the material and psychological process which has resulted in the destruction of the conception of collective security.

If my interpretation is correct, it will permit of the establishment of a fairly definite and simple definition of the position of Stalin in the European crisis. Stalin is not a mere spectator, nor is he neutral in the honest sense of the word for he is in agreement with Hitler, while fundamentally distrustful of him, and he will therefore support the victory of Germany, while hoping to benefit by the results. He is, in the real sense of the word, the war profiteer. Whenever he sees the possibility of annexing here or there a new tract of territory, a strategical position, any kind of political or material advantage, when he can gain anything or fish in troubled waters — obviously without being compelled to declare himself a belligerent—he will act immediately without losing an instant. He will do so by using his Red Army, his radio or his Comintern. He will do so with a decision only equalled by his cynicism, without the slightest hesitation and without scruple. There is no need to seek farther, no need to divine great designs or great systems. Everything will be sacrificed to the moment.

About a month ago, I wrote that in order to decipher the Russian mystery, I would deliberately exclude the revolutionary explanation, the plans for universal Bolshevisation in favour of a prolonged and general war. This assertion caused some surprise, and I admit that it was contrary to the general conception, but it seems to me to be confirmed by Stalin's crime against Finland.

For twenty years, Russian propagandists in all countries of the world have untiringly - reiterated and the Russian Government itself has repeated, that the Soviet State on the one hand and the Comintern on the other represent two entirely different and distinct conceptions, that they are in fact perfectly independent of each other. No one has been foolish enough to believe in these assurances, people have pretended to believe, because it was in their interest to do so. But everyone has always been convinced of the fact that the Soviet State and the Comintern were not one and the same thing. But the real problem raised at that time and still more seriously to-day is to discover whether the real and fundamental fact is the Comintern or the Soviet State. Does the Comintern absorb and confine the Soviet State, by utilizing all the material and political forces of Russia for the revolutionary purposes of a universal Bolshevisation? Or, on the contrary, is it the Soviet State that absorbs and confines the Comintern, utilising the whole force of the revolutionary propaganda for the sole ends of national and imperialist expansion and conquest? This is the whole question. According to the answer that may ensue, Stalin, master of the Comintern as of the Soviet State, will appear either as the successor of Lenin or as the successor of Peter the Great.

The crime perpetrated against Finland tends to prove that the fact which the world has to cope with is the **Soviet State**, not the Comintern, that the guiding principle is based upon **Russian Imperialism**, not on universal revolution.

If the final goal of Stalin were universal revolution, he would not risk such a brutal and unashamed attack upon every sentiment of justice. He would at least take his precautions. He would stage some hypocritical comedy and invent some kind of ideological pageantry for the credulous in order to preserve the semblance of a revolutionary ideal, a revolution such as a Communist might conceive it, a revolution not founded on the sole idea of violence. It is impossible to imagine a revolutionary upheaval that is not based upon the conception of a collective uprising and on the type of propaganda designed to attract the masses. For the masses must be roused to action, they must be persuaded — care must at least be taken to deceive them.

Stalin no longer takes this trouble. He has therefore made his choice between Peter the Great and Lenin.

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THE PRINCE WHO HICCUPPED

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on's ravages by a heavy tax on rich and poor alike. The Court Treasurer instantly seconded the motion, but the King asked where the Prince came in.

The Vizier explained craftily that the King would (after, of course, the business had shown a good profit) accede reluctantly to the request of his son and abolish the tax. Upon which his son's popularity would become terrific. "But supposing," said the King a little densely, "he doesn't request me?" Several Councillors (who were musical by nature) promised at once that they would see to that point, and at last he got the idea of it.

The tax was imposed and everyone was vastly annoyed, even to the extent of a small revolt in which one of the tax-collectors was quite spoilt. Then the Prince, having learnt up some verses, publicly implored his father—in twelve cantos—to abolish the tax. The King graciously agreed in a prose speech of one monosyllable.

Once more a proclamation was issued, stating that any person who inconceivably did not wish to join in a testimonial to the Prince should come to the Palace.

"But supposing someone does?" said the King. "Remember last time. We shall probably have a chap along saying he adores taxes." "I have," whispered the Vizier, "men with swords on all the doors."

"Ah!" said the King.

"But," pursued the Vizier with a little cough, "I'm positive no one will try to turn up. Quite positive."

"Why?"

"Tell you afterwards," replied the Vizier archly.

The whole Court waited anxiously

for the allotted period. But this time not a single complainant appeared.

The King decreed a universal vote of thanks, and the Prince, rising to reply with some prepared verses, was able to everyone's delight, to tear them up and speak fluently, and without a single hiccup. The applause was simply terrific.

"But why that fairy didn't induce someone to demur," said the delighted King to the Vizier afterwards over a glass of madeira. "I can't think. Why were you so positive?"

"Well," began the Vizier delicately, "it's like this. Begging your Majesty's pardon and so on—but my daughter. . . ."

"Oh, your daughter again," said the King.

"Yes. Now your — er — future daughter-in-law, that is," he explained firmly. "She—er—being interested, took the liberty of adding—above your signature—a further short paragraph to the proclamation."

The King was first annoyed and then curious. "We forgive her," he said graciously. "What did she put?"

"She simply added: 'In the event of any complaint coming, his Royal Highness will, at a personal interview, sing his full reasons for his action in specially written verses.' And so—er—no one came. Mind you," added the Vizier tactfully, "myself, I always thought the Prince sang very nicely."

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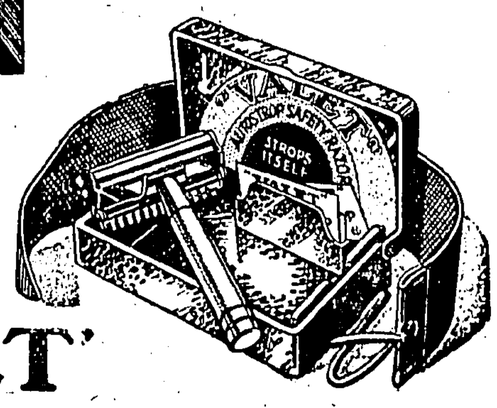

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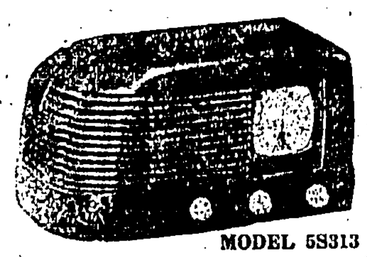

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It seems that the Germans were perturbed by the ease with which our planes had raided Heligoland on the earlier raid, on December 3, and on Monday, our machines met strong enemy squadrons directly they entered the Bight.

Our machines were heavily out-numbered and out-manoeuvred by the high speed of the German fighters, many of which were the new Messerschmidt two-engined planes.

It is believed that the Germans had brought planes to Heligoland from other parts of the country to increase the defences.

Reports of our pilots reveal the daring of the enemy airmen who attacked repeatedly despite heavy losses, in an endeavour to make the R.A.F. planes break formation.

Ignoring the heavy anti-aircraft fire and constant attacks by enemy planes, the R.A.F. aircraft kept in formation wing tip to wing tip, and this enabled them to keep down losses.

PURSUED 60 MILES

One of our machines was cut off from the main squadrons and pursued out to sea for 60 miles by a Messerschmidt.

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FILLING IN PICTURE

London, Yesterday.

Details of the battle are still being sorted out from the mass of information obtained as a result of study of the reports of individual members of each crew, and only now is a complete picture beginning to take form.

The German reinforcements at Heligoland consisted of crack squadrons, and probably came from the western front.

The first batch of enemy fighters was easily disposed of, only one attempting the desperate task of closing with one section, and was immediately shot down.

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As the British formations come over the skies were quickly filled with German fighters of various types, but mainly consisted of the two Messerschmidt types, and they began to close on the British and attack from all directions.

The fighting quickly became intense, and the Germans strained every nerve to break down the closely packed British sections.

Then, as our bombers came over Wilhelmshaven, they were exposed to the full blast of the anti-aircraft defences.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK FORMATION

The Germans hoped by this means to open up the British formations, so that the fighters could deal with them individually.

After the bombers had completed their task and turned round, the main enemy fighter attack developed.

Casualties on both sides mounted up, and the heavy concentrated fire of our formations resulted in so many losses to the Messerschmidts that, in a last desperate attempt to break down the ordered array of bombers, the enemy tried spectacular attacks at great speed on the beam.

Even this manoeuvre had little success and many more German aircraft were shot down.—Reuter.

14-STONE GUNNER'S HEROISM

London, Yesterday.

One of the heroes of the huge air battle over Heligoland Bight on Dec. 19 was a 14-stone air gunner whose plane accounted for five Messerschmidts.

He was shot through the thigh and lost a great deal of blood on the long and bitterly cold flight home.

Both wings of the plane were in tatters and the fuselage riddled with bullet holes.

Despite the damage the machine flew as well as ever, but on landing at a lonely east coast station a tyre burst and the aircraft swung round in a circle.

The pilots and aircraftsmen made a human escalator of their backs to remove the wounded gunner, who was rushed to hospital and is now reported to be doing well.—Reuter.

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DEATH

WONG—At her residence, 16 Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, Mrs. James N. Wong, (Winnie) early yesterday morning at the age of 40 years. The Cortege will start from the residence at 3.00 p.m. this afternoon for the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Kowloon.

FOOD MINISTER SEES FOOD SHIPS ARRIVE. Mr. W. S. Morrison, the Minister of Food, visited the Docks on December 6 to watch the arrival of food-ships. Photo shows Mr. Morrison watching meat being unloaded from the hold of a ship. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

GHASTLY SCENES IN RAIL SMASH

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf" describes the appalling scenes at Genthin, where among the twisted metal and splintered wood of the wrecked coaches lay clothes, toys and a thousand other pathetic relics of Christmas luggage.

The last four coaches of the Cologne train were a mere telescoped mass of debris.

The sleeping car was so shattered that it was unidentifiable.

It is believed the dead must now number at least 150, and perhaps more.

In Berlin, the official Nazi news agency states that the victims in the Friedrichshafen collision have now risen to 50 dead, with 30 injured.—Reuter.

182 Killed In Two Disasters

London, Yesterday.

The toll in the German railway smashes has now reached 182 killed.

Yet another smash was announced this morning, in which 50 were killed and 40 wounded.

The accident occurred between a goods train and a rail coach on the line between Friedrichshafen (the zeppelin base) and Lake Constance.

The death roll in yesterday's smash was at least 132.

It is reported that the station masters of the two stations between which the latest smash occurred have been arrested. — Reuter.

DEUTSCHLAND BACK IN GERMANY

London, Yesterday.

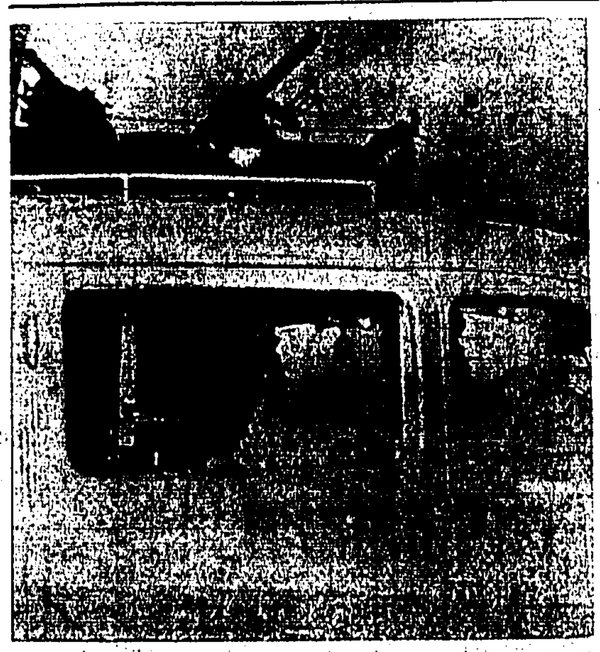
The German pocket-battleship Deutschland has apparently returned to Germany, according to the "Daily Express."

The newspaper states that a letter from one of the Rawalpindi survivors, captured by the Deutschland, which sank her, showed that the Deutschland is now in dock.—Havas.

FRANCE SPEEDING-UP NEW BATTLESHIPS

Paris, Yesterday.

Premier Daladier revealed in his Chamber of Deputies speech that France is speeding up construction on her 35,000-ton battleships, so as to assure the maintenance of Allied mastery of the seas. — Reuter.



His Majesty the King and Lord Gort driving in a camouflaged car in France for the start of the King's recent tour. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

RELEASE OF BRITISH OFFICIALS

London, Yesterday.

British consular officials still held in Germany and Czecho-Slovakia with their wives and families are being released.

A party is expected to arrive in Holland to-day.

This follows the arrival in Germany of the last remaining batch of German consular officials from the British Empire.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

New York, Yesterday.

Anthony Fokker, the famous Dutch aircraft designer, passed away to-day.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

The Duchess of Windsor has joined the French Women's Ambulance Corps which is being formed in Paris.—Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday.

The Turkish Ambassador to Poland has arrived at Angers, in France, the temporary seat of the Polish Government.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

The Nazi newspapers have not printed a word about the latest German railway smash.

They make only a brief mention of the earlier accident near Berlin.—Reuter.

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Berne, Yesterday.

The second railway accident within three days occurred in Germany between the stations of Markdorff and Klupfdern, when two passenger trains collided, according to the Nazi news agency.

Fifty were killed and 40 injured.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Paris, Yesterday.

It is now learned that 22 were drowned in the Seine when the St. Louis bridge collapsed.

Thirty were thrown into the water, only eight being rescued.—Havas.

Alexandria, Yesterday.

The names of the six survivors of the air liner disaster in the Mediterranean are:—

Wing-Commander Dawson, Lt. Ashton R.N., Major Mackenson (passengers);

Captain Fairs, Flight Engineer Broome, Steward Smith (crew).

Broome was badly injured and the others slightly hurt. All were picked up in the vicinity of Sicily and landed at Malta. The mails were lost.—Reuter.

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